

The secret lies with Charlotte

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Summary: Charlotte never left and before her and Lewis broke up they shared a intimate night together, now Charlotte is pregnant, her powers are back and Charlotte must decide what to do and what this pregnancy means for her and lewis. And what will this mean for lewis and Cleo, find out in the secret lies with Charlotte.

1. The secret

I opened my eyes looking down at the pregnancy test that lay in my hand, looking down to what my future would hold.

One month ago.

I was in my room with Lewis the dim light from the candle on my desk illuminating Lewis's face, and the frame of his naked body on my bed.

It was the night after I had transformed into a mermaid. I was so excited to be included into Cleo, Rikki, and Emma's circle, so excited to be apart of the secret, but most of all, I felt closer to Lewis, like we didn't have to have secrets anymore, like we didn't have to hide anything.

I made my way to my bed, crawling over my purple floral sheets to where Lewis lay, this was what I wanted, there was nothing to keep us from being together, as I walked over to the bed I became nervous this was to be my first time, I know that Lewis had done this before, I know that I am not his first, but he is mine and I wanted this, I wanted him. As I came closer to him I felt the heat between us as our lips met and everything melted away and It was just me and him, nothing mattered but him and me.

Present time.

Tears ran down my cheeks as I saw the little pink plus sign through

my blurred vision, this can't be happening, this just can't be happening, how could I have let this happen? How could I have been so reckless? What am I going to do? I have let my whole future slip through my fingers, it was if the universe was trying to send me a message for what I had done to Cleo and the others, for what I had done to Lewis.

Lewis what am I going to tell him? Not only have I ruined my future, but I have ruined his too, oh god.

"Charlotte are you in there?" I heard my mum call out to me, through my bedroom door.

"Um, yeah mum just catching up on some school work."

"But, you're on school break, you know you don't have spend all your time studying. Just because you and Lewis broke up doesn't mean that can't have a social life." Mum called out through the door.

I felt my heart stop for a minute as she said that and I must have made a noise because mum quickly corrected herself. "I'm sorry sweet heart, it's just that ever since you and Lewis broke up all you seem to do is cry and I don't like to see you upset, just come out here and we can go out somewhere. Would you like that?"

"Uh, thanks mum, but I think I'll just go for a walk down to the beach and get some fresh air."

"Ok sweet heart. Well, I'll leave you to it."

I waited till mum was out of hearing range then opened the door to my bedroom, peeping out to see if mum was still there. The coast was clear and I made my way downstairs and past the kitchen to the back door, as I made my way out of the house, I headed to our jetty ready to dive head first into the water when I remembered I'm not a mermaid anymore, I am still getting used to the fact that I can't sprout a tail and go swimming to make anymore, and that I no longer have the power over water it's like a little piece of me is gone, and that small connection that I had to my grandmother is gone as well and I can't get it back.

I made my way to the beach by foot. I could have taken my car, but I would have seen mum and I don't really want to see her right now, as I walked I realized that I had forgotten my sketchpad and I never left home without it, and that meant that I would have think about what to do with my situation instead of relaxing myself through drawing.

I made it to the beach and went to my usual spot under the shade of two trees which I can't remember the names of, I sat and watched the waves crash down listening to the tide, and then my mind was washed away with the tide as I began to think back to the last time I saw Lewis.

One week ago.

Lewis crept into view as I made my way around to one of his many secret fishing spots, he threw out a line with his things beside him as he dangled his legs over the jetty, he must have forgotten his chair today or one of his brothers took it, I play with my

grandmother's locket as I make my way over to him.

"Lewis?" I call out, he turns around. His blue eyes look at me giving me, butterflies. We have broken up but that doesn't mean that I don't still have feelings for him.

"Charlotte, what are you doing here?"

I walk up to him still playing with the locket. "I have come to apologize for the way I acted towards Cleo and the girls and, to you. I should have listened to you about the full moon and not bring Cleo there for my own gain, then maybe none of this would have happened, so I guess that's why I came here, to tell you that I am sorry and that you, Cleo, Emma, and Rikki don't have to worry about me I will leave you and the girls alone. I won't bother you anymore and if there is anything that I can do to fix this just tell me, so um that's it, that's all I have to say. Goodbye, Lewis."

I turn away with a lump in my throat, trying with all my might not to cry, as I make my way off the jetty. When I hear Lewis call my name, I turn to face him holding back my tears.

"I'm sorry this happened too, I really am." I could tell he meant it. "And, Char, there is something I think can help." He didn't say anything he, didn't have to, I knew what it was that he wanted and so, with a sigh I gave the only thing that still connected me to the ocean, mermaids and my grandmother.

I gave Lewis the locket and I left, not even trying to hold back the tears.

Present time

I found myself unintentionally at the juice net, while I was walking along the beach I, without noticing had lead myself to the juice net, so I walked in thanking God that Emma didn't have a shift.

I found a booth and waited to be served. I begin to think about what to do with the child and what to tell my mum and most importantly, Lewis.

When I heard the beads at the doorway I turned and saw Cleo entering the JuiceNet. Great, just what I needed. I heard the beads again, expecting Emma and Rikki, when in walked Lewis.

Hey guys this is my first fan fic tell me what you think I will read all reviews if you think I should scrap it tell me if not I already have a second chapter, credit goes to drunalove for helping me with my beta you have really helped me, and thanks lovely's :)

2. The kiss

Lewis, my heart stopped. Ok, hopefully they won't see me.

"Hi."

Just keep clam and don't freakout."Hello, what would you like to

order?"

You can run out now without them noticing. Just as I am thinking about what to do next, someone starts to shake me out of my thoughts. I looked up to see Ash standing beside me, his hands around my shoulders.

"Uh, what did you do that for?"

"You were off in a dream land, I asked you what you wanted to order twice, so thought I would bring you out of your trance. So, for the third time, what would you like to order?"

How rude, if I Had my powers I would have boiled his blood, a little melodramatic but that's how I am, no, that's how I was this is the new Charlotte, you promised that you wouldn't cause trouble. "I will just have a chocolate thick shake and chips please."

I may have ordered my food with a little to much venom in my voice, but he was asking for it, as Ash finished taking my order, he made his way over to Cleo and , I hope he doesn't tell them that I'm over here. I looked over to Cleo and Lewis's table only to find that Lewis was walking over to me.

Oh shit, oh shit,oh shit, Lewis was sitting just across from me, and I could feel Cleo's eyes piercing into the side of my skull, why does everything have to be so darn complicated?

"So Charlotte, um how have you been?"

How have I been? I've been stressing over that fact that I just found out that I am pregnant with your child, and I am about to have a bloody panic attack, that's how I've been.

"Fine, you?" I replied as I finally looked up to see Lewis's dazzling blue eyes.

"I've been good, gone out fishing, made some new fishing lures that have really got the fish biting, and I'm still studying Max's journals, I asked for them back after um, you know."

We both looked down at the table in silence after he said that. "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to upset you, it just kind of came out." Lewis tried to apologize, but I cut him off.

"It's ok really, the way I acted was immature and childish, all I wanted was to be part of your secret, and I thought that because my grandmother was a mermaid." I whispered. "That it was sort of like my birth right. What I'm trying to say is don't apologize to me. I accept what I did, and I am trying to prove myself."

Lewis looked at me a little stunned and with a look of pity in his eyes, I didn't want him to pity me it just made this whole situation worse. We sat there in comfortable silence until Ash came over with my food and drink, then I spoke up.

"Well, you should get back to Cleo." I looked over to her as told him to go back to her, and if looks could kill, I would be dead. Lewis got up and said goodbye. I watched him reunite with Cleo, kissing her on the cheek as he sat back down. Oh, how I longed for the days when

he would look at me that way. Get a hold of yourself Charlotte.

I had just finished eating my food when I started to gag. Oh god, I am going to throw up. I got up and raced to the toilets and closed the door behind me just in time, I cleaned myself up and left the toilets.

As I walked out I looked at Lewis and he mouthed to me. "Are you okay?"

I mouthed back "yes" and waved to Lewis as I left.

I made my way to the jetty at the end of the juice net and hired a boat, and started the boat making my way over to Mako island.

Even though I wasn't a mermaid anymore, I still felt drawn to Mako, it is such a magical place and a great place to draw, and although I hadn't been there since the incident, I still feel it calling me.

As I neared the shores of mako I hopped out of the boat and made my way to the land entrance of the moon pool. I don't know why, but I still feel a connection to the moon pool, even without having a tail anymore. It's just a place where I can go and leave all my worries behind, but now there is one worry I can't get off my mind.

I slide down the land entrance to the moon pool. I made my way through the tunnels to the moon pool, I turned the last corner of the cave and found my self at the moon pool. Wow, being here again brings back memories.

One week ago.

"Nice legs." said Rikki, as Cleo walked over to Lewis smiling up at the moon, then looking back down at me floating in the moon pool. I swam over to side of the moon pool and went to pull my self up when Lewis offered me his hand. I took it and he helped me and as he helps pull me up I tripped on the side of the moon pool and fell into Lewis's arms. We shared a brief moment as I looked into his eyes, then I pulled away and made my way over to the wall of the moon pool. I sat on the floor, leaning against the wall of the moon pool as Cleo, Rikki, and Emma all hugged each other over making lose my powers.

Cleo then made her way over to Lewis and kissed him right in front of me. "Why don't you girls swim back to Emma's, I'll meet you there after I drop Charlotte home." Lewis said to Cleo.

"Are you sure you don't want me to come with you Lewis? do you think it's a good idea to go with Charlotte alone?" Cleo asked.

What am I? A mass murder?

"I'll be fine Cleo. She really has no other way to get home, she swam here, you go with the girls I'll meet you at Emma's." Cleo gave Lewis another kiss and dove in unison with Emma and Rikki into the moon pool and swam away.

Now it was just me and Lewis. We made our way onto the shores of mako and into Lewis's boat. We sat in silence for most of the trip until Lewis stopped the boat when we were nearing my house.

"Charlotte," He paused for a moment as I looked from the full moon and back to him. "I didn't want any of this to happen. I know I didn't say this to you but, I loved you Charlotte."

My heart skipped a beat as he said that he loved me. "But, I also loved Cleo, and when we first became a couple I still loved her, but I can't help but wonder, if well, if you hadn't done what you did to Cleo that we would still be together. I'm not saying it was all your fault, I am to blame to. When we were not seeing eye to eye, I went to Cleo instead of just telling you the truth. But you have to understand, it was not my secret to tell." Lewis then started the boat after he said what he had to say and took me the rest of the way home.

We stopped outside the jetty to my house and I got out of the boat, and turned back to thank Lewis for dropping me home, and as I did, he stood up and kissed me.

At first I was in shock, but then I leaned into the kiss, with the light of the moon shining down on us and as I pulled away I whispered into his ear "I loved you to." Then I turned away, walking up to my house.

Present time.

A couple seconds after walking into the moon pool, I saw three figures surfacing above the moon pool. I hid behind the entrance to the moon pool as quick as I could as Emma, Rikki, and Cleo entered the moon pool.

so here's, the second chapter hope you all like it, review if you can and if you are going to review can it please be an in depth review, instead of good, story or keep going, again another huge thank you to drunalove, and thanks lovely's for reading :)

3. Magic at mako

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My heart was racing a million miles a minute, as Cleo, Rikki and a Emma surfaced god I hope they don't get out of the moon pool, my breathing was so heavy I was sure they would hear me, ok Charlotte clam down quiet breaths, as I calmed my self down the girls had surfaced and I peeked around the corner as much as I could with out being seen, the same way I had the night I turned into a mermaid and the day before I had spent the night with Lewis.

"Beat you again" I heard Emma say, "as if" retorted Rikki as she splashed Emma, "I so beat you", that's Rikki for you though always having to be right or win.

"Whatever Rikki, why don't you just admit that I am a faster and a better swimmer than you, then I won't have to prove it every time I beat you to the moon pool" Emma snarked back with a smug look on her face, "never" said Rikki.

A couple minutes passed and Rikki and Emma were still debating which

of them was the fastest, when finally they called it a tie, in my opinion I always thought that Emma was the fastest, Rikki is just stubborn and doesn't know when to call it quits or admit when she is wrong.

As their bickering finally stopped, Cleo spoke for the first time since they arrived "if you guys are done, I have something kind of big to tell you" Rikki and Emma then fell silent waiting for what Cleo was about to say, and so did I, well more silent than I was, due to the fact that I didn't want them to know I was there.

Cleo then continued with her story once she knew that the others were going to keep quiet, "you are never going to believe who Lewis and I saw today at the juice net, ...Charlotte" my eyes flew open at the mention of my name and I moved even closer to the girls, still making sure that they wouldn't see me.

"what" Emma and Rikki said in unison, "well did she say anything to you" said Emma. "no she didn't, I didn't even know she was in there until Ash pointed it out to us, then Lewis went over to talk to her."

"wait a minute Lewis went and talked to her, WHY what on earth possessed him to do that"

I heard Rikki say, ugh she makes my blood boil, ironic that seeing as she can actually do that.

"I don't know but once Ash told us that she was over there Lewis asked if she was ok, then Ash told us that she was kind of out of it and that she was quit rude to him" said Cleo.

I was not he bloody shook me, he could of just waved his hands in front of my face or something, but he didn't have to shake the livening day lights out of me, maybe it's just the hormones talking but that really pissed me off.

"After he said that Lewis just got up and walked over to her, he didn't even tell me why, he just said I'll be back" Cleo continued.

I wonder why he didn't say anything to Cleo about why he came over to see me it's not like he said anything out of the ordinary, he only asked how I was, maybe he was worried about me, I smiled at the thought that he still cares enough to see if I'm ok.

"So what happened while he was over there" asked Emma, "I don't know he didn't say anything when he got back to the table he gave me a kiss on the cheek and sat down" replied Cleo.

"well did you know what they were talking about" said Rikki, "like I said I don't know but I kept a close watch on them mostly Charlotte" answered Cleo.

"Jesus Cleo you sound so jealous, I mean it's not like she is going to get Lewis back after what she did to you, after what she did to us" said Emma.

That happy feeling I had before was completely gone now thanks Emma saying that I have no chance with Lewis, though I had to admit she

made a point why on earth would Lewis ever want to be with me again, just because I am carrying he's child doesn't mean that he would get back together with me, and I certainly didn't plan for this to happen, like some girls who think that getting pregnant will make there boyfriends stay with them, half the time they leave anyway, and getting pregnant defiantly wasn't what I wanted in my life right now, maybe along the road when I was older but definitely not while I was 16 turning 17.

"Emma this is Charlotte we are talking about, let's not forget she locked you two in a shed and made a pipe explode so you two would transform and not be Abel to celebrate Lewis's birthday, practically stole Cleo's locket while it was still on her neck, and last but not least, and this is my favourite tried to make us lose our tails and powers, so I wouldn't put it past her Emma" said Rikki.

"I suppose you have a point, but Cleo and Lewis have known each other for years they have history what does Charlotte have"replied Emma, " thanks guys for putting the idea that Charlotte is going to Steel Lewis away from me, really appreciate it" said cleo.

Emma and Rikki both swam over to Cleo "no don't you see cleo where saying that we wouldn't put it past her to try, but because you and Lewis's love is so strong, she wouldn't be Abel to so don't worry" said Rikki.

After that they all started laughing, and I couldn't help but get angry at everything they had said slowly my hand's started to curl into fist's and the water in the moon pool started to steam up.

" why are you doing that Rikki" said cleo and Emma through fits of laughter.

" I'm not at least not intentionally" replied Rikki.

Did I just do that, before I could try again to see if it was actually me I felt my self about to throw up, so trying not to be seen I ran out to the entrance of the moon pool, my hand covering my mouth so that I wouldn't throw up, as soon as I reached the top of the land entrance to the moon pool, I threw up what was left of the rest of today's lunch.

As I reached the shore of mako where my rental boat was I realised that it was starting to get late, I didn't realise how long I'd been out but before I got home there was one thing I had to check have I got my powers back, as the sun began to set I tried to find a pool of water where I could test my theory.

I eventually found one In between some rocks, the I held out my hand using the motion that I used to use when I still had my powers, but nothing happened a little down hearted I was about to walk away when I remembered I didn't use that hand motion while I was in the moon pool I used Rikki's, so I placed my hand over the water and began to slowly close my hand into a fist, and the water begin to bubble and evaporate, I quickly took my hand away from the water I can't believe it I have my powers back.

I have my powers back ok char don't get over excited that's only one of them see if you can freeze, so I placed my hand over the water and used Emma's hand motion and the water began to freeze, I then unfroze

the water to see if I could move water. for the last time I put my hand over the pool of water and began to use Cleo's hand movement over the water, and it started to rise and kept rising until I took my hand away and the water feel back in the pool, I stepped back so I couldn't get wet, this was amazing I had my powers back well not all of them I still needed to see if I would become a mermaid again.

As I made my way back to the boat I took my shoes of so that I wouldn't get them wet and placed them on the sand near the boat ok, this was it time to see if I was a mermaid again I walked towards the sea and put both feet in the water, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, I opened my eyes looking down at my feet a few more seconds past but still nothing, I don't understand I have my powers back why don't I have my tail.

Another round of nausea hit me again but I didn't throw up this time, I put both hands on my belly and then it hit me, maybe these weren't my powers after all, maybe they where the baby's, but are just getting channelled through me.

I needed answers and there was only one way to get them, I couldn't ask Lewis I didn't want him to know yet and I still didn't know how to tell him, there was only one other man who knew as much about mermaids as Lewis maybe even more...Max.

I made my way back to the juice net deciding to see max another day because it was getting late and mum would be getting worried, I took the boat back to the juice net and started making my way home.

As I got home I smelt the the strong sent of my mums homemade veal parmigiana, a smell which I used to love but know made me want to gag, as I opened the front door I called out to mum expecting her to be in the kitchen I went in there seeing the fresh veal laid on the counter I went to over to have a bite like I always do before mums says it time to actually eat, and even though the smell was affecting me I still had some which was a bad Idea, because the moment I ate it I knew I was going to through up.

I ran upstairs to my bedroom but before I got to my room it subsided I went into my room anyway because I still needed to go to the toilet but as I walked in I found my mum on my bed holding the pregnancy test I had foolishly left on my bed, all the colour left my face as my mum looked up from the pregnancy test to me.

"Charlotte what on earth is this"

**so what did you think of this chapter, please review and tell me what you think and also what gender you think the baby should be, and if you have any names you like please tell me I will take them all into account, I would also like to thank DeafAngel2000 for the inspiration for this chapter. Again please review and thanks lovely's. **

4. The secrets out

**please review **

I turned the volume in my little yellow bug up and started belting out the lyrics to primadona girl by marina and the diamonds, as I

made my way to the secluded beach where max lived.

It had been a couple days since I first planned on seeing max, and it had completely slipped my mind, due the fact that after arriving home from mako I was greeted by none other than my mother holding the pregnancy test that I had left on my bed, but Mum took it rather differently to what I had originally expected.

Two days ago

"Charlotte what is this" mum said in a clam but frightening tone.

I Looked at my mum, stunned into silence I then turned back to the floor,

"CHARLOTTE, WHAT IS THIS"

I jumped a little as she yelled at me, then I entered my room and fell to the floor, and started crying, I crawled over to mum in hysterics and said "I'm sorry" it was all I could manage to say, I went over to mum because I just wanted her to hold me and tell my what to do but when I went to touch her she practically jumped of my bed.

"No Charlotte! Don't touch me right now, sweet heart I love you but please I just I can't handle it right now"

At that moment I slid down the front of my bed and tucked my head into my knees crying my eyes out, I couldn't see anything through the tears, this is not how I wanted my mum to find out, I didn't want to tell mum anything until I knew what to do myself, and right now I certainly didn't know what to do.

And to make it worse she didn't want to touch me , my mum had never treated me like that we where so close, especially after my dad died and grandma, we moved here to get away from everything and start over have a new life together without all the sadness and drama, but no that has to follow me everywhere I go, it's like karma is out to get me and no matter how hard I try I can't seem to get rid of it.

" Charlotte, I'm not mad at you and I love you, never think otherwise, but I just need to know why this happened, how did this happened; well I know how it happened, I just mean why weren't you careful, why wasn't Lewis more careful, it is Lewis right."

I lifted my face from my knees and looked at mum, with a few tears streaming down my face, I wasn't as hysterical now but I still couldn't talk without crying.

" yes mum it's Lewis's who's else would it be."

"I don't know you hang out with that Nate boy don't you" mum answered.

" eww mum no just no,don't even suggest a thing like that"

I had to laugh a little that she said something like that, but at the same time a little insulted that she thought I would actually have sex with Nate, ugh that just makes me want to throw up, like literally I am about to throw, I got up as quick as I could and ran

into my bathroom and shut the door.

"Charlotte are you ok" I heard my say through the door a hint of worry in in her voice.

"Yeah I'm fine just a little morning sickness, why do they call it morning sickness if it lasts all day"

I heard mum laugh as I said that, at least I had lightened the mood a little, I opened the door after I had washed my face off, and went over to sit on my bed, mum was leaning against the wall next to my bathroom door, a moment of silence passed until mum finally spoke.

"Charlotte I just don't want to see you go through this, I thought you were smarter then this and I definitely thought Lewis was smarter then this, I know I said this before but you have really surprised me Charlotte I just never expected this from you."

"Did you think I planned for this to happen, did you think one day I just turned to Lewis and said, hey Lewis you know what would be fun lets have a baby, because that is not what happened, we never meant for this to happen." I yelled at mum

"We? so Lewis knows then, is that why he broke up with you, oh when I get my hands on him I'm going to wring that little nerds neck" mum said

"No No I meant I never meant for this to happen, Lewis has no idea I'm pregnant, I haven't even told him yet, I don't know how I don't want to ruin his future." I felt the tears start to come back at the thought of telling Lewis why did things have to be so complicated.

" oh sweet heart"

I felt mum come over to the bed and wrap her arms around me, at least she wanted to hold me again.

"Honey if you want to keep this baby you have to tell him, he has a right to know." Mum said running her hands over my head like when I was a child.

"I know I do, I just don't know what I am going to do" I said through sobs.

"Well you have three options, one you can get an apportion and it will be like none of this ever happened, two you can put the baby up for adoption and it will go to a loving home but you will still have to tell Lewis, and number three you can keep the baby, and again you will still have to tell Lewis, those are you options sweet heart."

There was only one option for me, I was going to keep the baby, I couldn't give it up for adoption my baby had powers and what would happen when it went for its first bath and sported a tail, no I couldn't do that, and I don't believe in apportion, this baby would be mine, and I wouldn't let anybody hurt it.

"Mum I'm keeping the baby, and I will tell Lewis eventually"

"If that is your decision I support you one hundred percent, but Charlotte taking care of a child is a big responsibility, do you understand that." Said mum

"I do, and I promise I will tell Lewis" I answered

"Ok then as long as you promise you will tell Lewis, you can keep the baby and I will be with you every step of the way" mum replied

I gave her a loving smile and she returned it, we hugged for a moment then mum left to have dinner as I went to bed.

Present time

I had only remembered about seeing Max after, I accidentally turned my nice warm shower it to hail, so it wasn't until I was frozen to death and bruised by hail, that my lovely little jellyfish(1) decided to reminded me about Max.

I had finally made it to Max's house, I got out of my car and made my way over to Max's house, when I saw him down at the beach fishing with someone, no not just someone Lewis.

Why does this keep happening, it's like the universe is laughing at me, saying we are just going to keep randomly making you bump into Lewis until you tell him your pregnant, great just great, the reason I came here was so I didn't have to tell Lewis I was pregnant, maybe I should just go home and come back another time yeah that what I'll do, but before I could Lewis turned around and saw me.

"Charlotte" called out Lewis

He then said something to Max and started to walk over to me, oh not good, not good.

"Charlotte, what are you doing here" Lewis said as he finally made he way over to where I stood.

"Hey Lewis, um I just came here to talk to max"

Don't give away to much char or he will get suspicious.

"Oh really what for" asked Lewis

Ahh what do I say I can't say, oh just to see if the powers I have is from our unborn child, that would just defeat the purpose of coming to see max, then I had an idea max knows or knew my grandmother, I could be here to talk about her and what she was like yes perfect cover story.

"I just came to ask about my grandmother, and her and Max knew each other quite well so I thought he could tell me more about her"

"Well we are fishing at the moment and talking about mermaids, if you want I have an extra chair your welcome to join us" Lewis said smiling

"I feel honoured that you asked me, only a select few get to fish with you" I said laughing.

"so you'll join us, awesome I mean I'll go get you another chair, you just head down to Max" Lewis said, then went to go grab another chair.

So I made my way down to Max, smiling the whole way, Lewis seemed so excited to have me join them, or maybe it was all in my mind, I mean after what I did I expected to him to shun me all together, but I still can't get that kiss out of my mind.

I made it to Max and he looked up at me smiling.

"Charlotte what brings you here" said Max

I looked at him then back to where Lewis was, he was still at the house and I doubt that he would be able to hear me, I decided not to risk it so I told Max why I was really here.

"Max I need you to keep a secret for me ok, Lewis thinks that I'm here to talk to you about my grandmother but I'm not, I'll will tell you once Lewis leaves but while I'm here just act like that's what I'm here for ok"

Max looked at me a little confused, but he didn't press the subject, so I assumed that he was going along with it, a couple seconds later Lewis came down with and extra chair and fishing rod, with his signature lure on the end of it.

We spent the rest of the morning fishing and talking about mermaids, until finally Lewis caught a fish, I didn't know what kind it was but I did know that the smell was making me sick, so I politely excused myself and asked where Max's loo was and made my way to his house, practically running as soon as I made it to the house, I just made it to the toilet in time when what Was left of my breakfast all came back up again.

"Charlotte are you in there" I heard Lewis say

Oh shit, Lewis

"Yeah I'll be out in a sec"

I exited the toilet and saw Lewis standing right in front of me a look of concern on his face.

"Are you ok Charlotte this is the seconded time I have seen you like this, do you want me to drive you home I mean if your not well, you can talk to Max another time " said Lewis

"No, no I'm fine I'll stay I want to know about my b... Grandmother"

"I'm sure it's not that important, I'll take you home" Lewis insisted

"Lewis it's ok I will look after her, you head home I think the fish have stopped biting anyway" said Max entering the house.

"You sure you will be ok Charlotte" Lewis said turning his attention back on me.

"Yeah I'll be fine you go I'll stay here till I feel well enough to drive"

"Ok then if you're sure your ok i'll just get my stuff then" Lewis said

He looked back at me before he left to get his things leaving the door open a little as he left.

"Ok now Charlotte, why don't you tell me what is really going on" said Max jest urging me towards the couch

I took a seat and then started to lift the water from the cup that was set on coffee table in front of the couch, then froze it, then heated it up.

Max looked at me in shock.

"How is this possible?the full moon should have taken away all your powers" said Max.

"That's the thing there not my powers"

"Then who's are they's if there not yours" questioned Max

"That's why I wanted to talk to you and not Lewis, I think there my baby's"

"Your baby's, and it's Lewis" replied Max

"Yes"

"And you got pregnant before you lost your tail" Max stated

"Yes that's why I came to you to see if you know about anything like this"

"I do but mind you it's a bit of a story" said Max

"That's why I'm here

Lewis POV

I had just finished backing up my fishing gear when I thought I would go back up to Max's to see how Charlotte was doing.

I had just got to the door when I saw Charlotte on the coach with Max in silence, I was just about to enter before I saw her use her powers, what how does she have powers the girls took them away, I had to find out what was going on.

"How is this possible, the full moon should have taken away all your powers" I heard Max say

"That's the thing there not my powers" Charlotte responded to the question

What how could they not be charlottes powers, and obviously Max thought the same thing because he said exactly the same thing.

"That's why I wanted to talk to you and not Lewis, I think there my baby's"

What charlottes pregnant, that's why she's been sick and acting strange, that could only mean one thing.

"Your baby's, and it's Lewis" said Max

"Yes" said Charlotte

I was frozen solid, I didn't know what to do, so I grabbed my stuff and took it home, after that I got in my boat and headed to the only place I could think of mako.

**so what did you think of that chapter, and just want to add R.I.P Robin Williams you will be missed but I am sure you are flying in Neverland right now, again please review and tell me what you think, thank you lovely's :) **

5. Max, mermaids and magic

here is chapter 5 of the secret lies with Charlotte, I hope you all like it please review and, I would still like ideas for baby names and what you think the baby should be :) please enjoy

Lewis's POV

My mind was racing a million miles a minute as I made my way over to Mako, I had no idea why I was going to mako but I just needed to get there.

I finally made it to the moon pool when I let everything out of my system.

"Charlotte's pregnant and it's my baby, what this just can't be happening' Lewis you need to get a hold of yourself you don't know if this is true you need to speak to Charlotte, before you come to any conclusions, nothing is set in stone until you talk to Charlotte" I said talking to myself out loud.

"Charlotte why have you got talk to Charlotte" said a voice from the moon pool.

"Cleo" I said louder then expected.

"Lewis" Cleo said in the same tone.

"Why are you so jumpy and why do you have to speak to Charlotte" said cleo with a suspicious look on her face.

"I just didn't expect you to be here, and what do you mean speak to Charlotte" I said with not much conviction, I never was good at lying.

"Lewis, it's the moon pool, one of us is always here, and when I came in I heard you say you needed to speak to Charlotte" said cleo a little annoyed.

"What no, oh you though I meant, no I didn't mean that Charlotte I meant my dentist, yeah I just got a really bad tooth ache, and I was just saying to myself that I need to talk to Charlotte my dentist about that, because if I don't then it will only get worse so I thought I would just make a mental note to speak to Charlotte." I said

Yeah Cleo is really going to believe that one.

"A tooth ache really, and you call your dentist by her first name" Said Cleo with a questioning look on her face.

"Yeah, I called Dr. Denman by her first name didn't I, a least until she tried to turn you into science experiments" I said with a smile.

"I suppose so" Cleo said with a shrug accepting my story.

"So do I get a kiss" said Cleo, swimming to the edge of the moon pool.

I lent down to her, and kissed her salty wet lips.

"Well Lewis" said Cleo after our kiss ended.

"Not that I don't love to see you here, but Rikki, and Emma will be here soon, and we promised each other that it would just be the three of us, so..." cleo said.

I stood there nodding my head until I clicked on.

"Oh, oh you want me to leave, ok um yeah I need to call Charlotte anyway, about that tooth ache, so...I'll see you tomorrow".

"Yeah at my place, or the juice net?" Said cleo.

"The juice net" I replied.

Then I lent down and gave Cleo another kiss.

"See you tomorrow, I love you" said cleo.

"I love you too" I said leaving the moon pool.

There was only one way I was going to get to the bottom of this, and that was to see Charlotte.

I got in my boat and left mako, and started making my way to Charlotte's.

Charlotte's POV

I looked at Max in anticipation, wondering what the future would hold for my child.

"You know about, the three original mermaids, Louise, Julia and of course your grandmother Gracie" said Max.

I nodded.

"Yeah I do, but what does that have to do with my baby?".

"I, am getting to it" says Max.

I sit in silence waiting for him to continue.

"Of the three original mermaids, only one of them stayed a mermaid, eventually Louise like your grandmother, gave her powers up, I am not really certain how she did but I am certain it had to do with magic. And with Louise and Gracie without there tails, that left only Julia a mermaid."

I wonder why Louise gave up her powers.

"As time went on, the girls still, stayed in touch because they were friends before they transformed, but they weren't as close and connected as they were, when they were all mermaids, that was until Julia became pregnant with her husband Travis, Julia and travis were over the moon about it, and so were Gracie and Louise until Julia gained powers that she had never had before. Like Rikki she had the power of heat, but unlike Rikki she never gained the power over the weather like Rikki did, this made Gracie, Louise and Travis worried, Travis also knew of Julia's powers, but he had never seen her control lighting before, then Travis had a hunch what if they weren't Julia's powers at all, what if they were the baby's powers after all Julia had only gotten them once she became pregnant." Said Max.

"So your saying, that Julia went through the same thing I am, but was her baby human or mermaid, and did she still have a tail while she was pregnant" I said a little rushed.

"Hold on Charlotte, let me finish the story and you will know" Max said laughing.

"Sorry, go on" I said

"Now where was I, oh yes, Gracie, Louise, Julia and Travis now aware that these new found powers were from the baby, had another dilemma to face would the baby just have powers inherited from Julia and be human like its father, or would the child be a mermaid too, the only way to know for certain was to wait for the child to be born. Finally it was time for Julia to have the child, they didn't know what the child would be so Gracie and Louise trained to be midwives, everyone expected the child to be a girl but to there surprise it was a boy, and even though it was born with legs as soon as it was not ten seconds later the child grew a tail and to there surprise it was blue. Julia and Travis named there son Bryce, and just like Travis had predicted Bryce was the one with the power of electricity along with Julia's original power, and Julia's powers went back to normal, until she was moonstruck and gained the same power as her son. So that's it that's all I know though your situation is a little different, to yours I am positive that the powers you have are your child's, and that seeing as you were a mermaid when you conceived it, that your baby will be a mermaid as well or merman." Said Max as he finished his story.

I sat in shock for a moment, I was right the powers I had are my baby's, and my baby will be a mermaid.

"Thank you Max, I really needed to know what my baby will be"

"Your welcome, and charlotte if you ever need to know more about mermaids, or your grandmother come over anytime" said Max.

"Thank you, and I will defiantly drop by whenever I need, to know more or just talk about my grandmother" I said as I grabbed my keys and headed for the door.

"Oh and Charlotte one more thing" said Max as I turned to face him.

"Yeah" I replied.

"I will keep your secret, but you will have to tell Lewis eventually you know" said Max.

"Yeah I know" I said as I made my way out the door.

Lewis POV

I made my way to Charlotte door, I stood there for a while and hesitated before eventually knocking the door

I heard footsteps coming as I waited for the door to open, I wonder if Charlotte is home already and if she wasn't what was I going to do next, come back another day.

"Lewis" said Mrs Watsford.

"Hi Mrs Watsford" I said a little flustered that she answered the door.

"What brings you here Lewis" says Mrs Watsford.

"Uh, I just came to see if Charlotte was here" please be here.

"No she isn't here at the moment, may I ask why you need her" she said with a little venom in her voice.

What am I going to say, because I think she is pregnant with my child, and what if she doesn't know that Charlotte is pregnant maybe I should just come back another time.

"Oh nothing really, It doesn't matter I'll just come back another time, bye Mrs Watsford " I started to leave when Charlotte's mum called out to me.

"Wait Lewis" said Mrs Watsford.

"Yeah" I said.

"I'm sure Charlotte's not too far away, if you'd like you can wait for her, in her room" said Mrs Watsford.

"Are you sure I, don't want to intrude I can always come back tomorrow"

"No I insist"said Mrs Watsford.

"Ok then, thanks Mrs Watsford" I said as I made my way through the

threshold.

"No problem, oh and Lewis" said Mrs Watsford.

"Yeah" I said.

"It's Annette" she said in response.

"Thank you, Annette" I said as I made my way up the stairs and into Charlotte's room.

Charlotte's POV

I listened to the rest of my Marina and the diamonds cd on the drive back home as the sun began to set, belting out every song, hey Marina is a pretty name for a girl, I smiled a little at the fact that I had started picking names for my little jellyfish as I made my way into the driveway of my house.

I opened the door and started to make my way up the stairs to my room when my mum stopped me.

"Charlotte" said mum.

"Mum I am really tired I just want to have a nice hot shower and go to bed, and not to be mean or anything, but nearly everything you have been cooking lately has made me want to through up" I said as I continued making my way to my room.

"But Charlotte" I heard my mum call out as I opened my door.

As I opened my bedroom door who should I find sitting on my bed, Lewis.

**so what did you think of that chapter, and what will go down now that Lewis knows, and what will happen one cleo and the girls find out, don't forget to review and tell me what you think of the story so far, thanks lovely's :) **

6. It never happened

Hey everyone here is the new chapter of The secret lies with Charlotte, I hope all will like it, warning to all clewis fans you are not going to be happy with this chapter :) and remember please review, and enjoy.

"Lewis" I said with a tone of panic in my voice, as I locked the door behind me.

"What are you doing here" I said, while I watched Lewis who looking down at my bedroom floor, and not giving me any eye contact until he finally spoke.

"After I packed up my fishing gear, I thought that I would head back up to Max's to check on you, but when I got up there, guess what I saw" said Lewis looking straight at me, his blues eyes piercing through me.

I stood in silence staring straight back at him, trying to keep on a

cool front.

"Do want to know what I saw, I saw you using your powers, I thought I was going crazy how was this possible?, you lost your powers on last full moon, so I waited outside Max's house to see how this was could be and what do I hear, the last thing I ever expected to your pregnant, I had my own conclusions on who's it was, but then you solidified them when you told Max,so Charlotte I am going to ask you a question, are you pregnant?" said Lewis.

I looked down at the ground keeping my cool, which I didn't know how long would last.

"CHARLOTTE, ARE YOU PREGNANT" screamed Lewis, breaking his usual passive tone.

I jumped a little as he yelled at me, Lewis was a pacifist and he never yelled at anyone, so this really must be freaking him out, hell this whole situation is freaking me out too.

I walked over to Lewis and sat down on my bed next to him, I wasn't going to break down like I did with my mum, as I sat down I looked at Lewis, tears where starting to roll down his cheeks, I didn't say anything but I put my hand on my stomach and looked at Lewis, and he covered his face with his hands, and got of the bed towering over were I sat.

"Jesus, Charlotte why didn't you tell me sooner, why did you let me find out like this" said Lewis looking down at me.

"It's not like I planned on you finding out like this, I didn't want to tell you in case something went wrong, and I was going to tell you eventually when the time was right, I just didn't want to ruin your future" I said looking up at Lewis, surprised at the fact that I hadn't shed a tear once.

"Charlotte" Lewis said trying to but in to what I was saying.

"No let me finish, this is my child and I decided what I am going to do, I will raise this baby alone, and it won't have to deal with any of the shit that I had to go through, and even though I am young that doesn't matter because as soon as I found out I was pregnant, I have felt a connection to my baby, and I wouldn't have it aborted or give it up, and the fact that it already has powers, makes this whole thing all the more real, this is my choice Lewis." I practically shouted at him.

"NO" was all Lewis could manage to get out before there was a knock on my door.

"Charlotte, I am going back into the restaurant, I won't be back until midnight, will you be okay without me" said mum with a bit of concern in her voice.

"I'll be fine see you tomorrow" I said.

"See you tomorrow sweet heart" mum said as she begin to walk back down stairs.

Lewis waited until he heard her car leave the driveway before he

picked up where he left off.

"Were do you get of making all the decision's, this is my baby too, not just your's, and I get a say in what happens too" said Lewis.

After he had his say, he seemed to calm down, and made his way over to the bed and sat next to me.

"I'm sorry for yelling at you I just needed to get it all out, and this is just, a lot to take in Charlotte" said Lewis.

"I know it is, that's why I was putting of telling you, I didn't want to ruin your future, and that's why I made the decision to look after this baby by myself" I said looking at Lewis.

"There you go again with my future, don't you understand this baby it my future now, and it doesn't matter what you do I am going to be in this baby's life" Said Lewis, piercing through me again with his beautiful blue eyes.

Finally the tears started to come, our child, Lewis would be involved in our child's life, I was overflowing with emotions I didn't know what to do, I was great-full that the secret was off my chest, but I was also sad that I would be ruining Lewis's future, but from now on the baby was his future, and all I could seem to do to take that all in was cry.

"Charlotte" Lewis said in a caring tone, as he held my face in his hands.

Then wiped away my tears, we then stared into each other's tears, and we shared a moment as we looked at each other, then before we new it we both lent in towards each other and our lips meet, fireworks erupted in my head as we kissed, then the kiss grew deeper both of us wanting more, and before I knew what I was doing I had already taken Lewis's shirt off, and he had unzipped the purple printed dress I was wearing, throwing it on the floor, as our kisses intensified and our bodies drew closer together I let the world around me, and all of my problems melt away.

Lewis and I both sat upwards with my blanket covering us, as we both were staring straight at my door not moving, still in utter shock of what we had just done, I couldn't believe what just happened, one seconded we were yelling at each other about our child, and the next thing I know we are pulling each other's cloths off.

"Oh my god" said Lewis.

"Yeah, I know" was all I could say in response, still stunned.

"Oh my god" repeated Lewis.

"I know" I repeated.

"Oh my god" Lewis said for the third time.

"Ok Lewis, you can stop know" I said a little irritated now.

"Oh my god" said Lewis for the fourth time.

"LEWIS" I said annoyed now.

"What just happened, how did we get to that, what" said Lewis in confusion.

"I don't know one minute we were fighting, and the next um well you know" I say, while I bring my knees up to my chest, and wrap my arms around them.

"Oh god, oh god, oh god" said Lewis.

"Ok Lewis, I don't really think that god is going to fix the situation" I said.

"I cheated on Cleo, I can't believe I just cheated on Cleo" said Lewis as he hopped out of bed to put his boxers on.

"What am I going to do? what am I going to say to her?" Said Lewis as he paced the at the area in front of my bed.

"Lewis, calm down" i said trying to settle him down.

"Calm down, calm down, I just cheated on cleo" said Lewis, as he still paced at the front of my bed.

"Lewis, get a hold of yourself, look this is how it's going to go down you are not going to tell cleo about this little accident alright, as far as she knows you we're never here alright" I said taking control of the situation.

Lewis looked at me nodding.

"And as far as our other little accident is concerned, we will cross that road when we come to it okay" I said.

"Okay" Lewis replied.

"And speaking of our other little accident, what are we going to do about it" said Lewis, as he finally stopped pacing.

"I don't know, I haven't really thought about that yet, I only found out a week ago, so as far as the me not telling you sooner issue, I only just found out myself, all I know is that I am keeping the baby and the it has powers" I said.

"Oh and also mum has booked me a ultrasound, it's in about two weeks" I said, getting out of my bed and heading over to my bathroom door to wrap the towel that hung on the doorknob around me.

"Wait so your mum knows to, when did she find out" said Lewis a little embarrassed.

"Yeah she does, and she found out the same day I did, because I accidentally left the pregnancy test my bed and she came into my room and saw it there" I said.

"She found out the day you did, yet I find out nearly a week later thanks for that, how did she take the news" said Lewis a little nervous.

"Quite well actually, better then I expected her to" I said.

"It was funny actually, she asked who jellyfish's father was and she knew it was you, and I said who's else would it be's and she said Nate, It made me laugh, but I was also a little offended that she thought that I would actually go for Nate" I said laughing a little.

"Jellyfish" said Lewis.

"Oh that's just what I have named it for now, my little jellyfish" I said walking over to Lewis.

"Don't you mean our little jellyfish" he said, smiling at me.

I smiled back at him, and our eyes met again, then I looked down at the ground.

"Um you should probably get going, it's getting late" I said.

"Yeah, I probably should" replied Lewis.

He then grabbed his shirt and put his pants back on, after he gathered the rest of his things he made his way to my bedroom door and unlocked it, and I followed him down the stairs and to the front door.

"Charlotte, no matter what happens I will be apart of this baby's life, and no matter what we might face due to our age I will still be here" said Lewis, with his hand on the doorknob.

"Thanks Lewis, it means a lot to me that you will be in our child's life" I said.

"Oh and when is the ultrasound again, I don't want to miss it" Lewis said.

"In two weeks, oh and Lewis remember tonight never happened ok" I said as Lewis opened the door.

"Ok, tonight never happened, and I will remember the ultrasound, text me the date, and I will be sure to be there" said Lewis.

"Ok," I said as Lewis made his way to his car.

"Bye Charlotte" said Lewis, as he hopped in his car.

"Bye" I waved as I closed the door behind me.

What a night, that really went in a different direction then I thought it would, I still can't believe that we slept together, of courses if we hadn't slept together in the first place this never would have happened, but it was still a surprise, I am sort of glad though that, Lewis found out be himself, if he hadn't then I am sure I would have put it off for to long, or maybe never even tell him.

I made my way upstairs for some well deserved rest, thank full of the fact that I didn't have to keep the secret from Lewis anymore, but also feeling guilty I had slept with Lewis and know he has to carry

the guilt of cheating on cleo with him, and I was the one he cheated on her with, can my life never be simple.

**So what did you think of that chapter, and Lewis and Charlotte's little accident, please review and tell me what you think of the story so far, and give your opinion about this chapter I take all reviews into account, and I am also still taking suggestion on what gender you think the baby should be and names, so please review and thank lovely's:) **

7. Secrets and sonograms

**hey everyone sorry for how long it took to post this, but I promise the next one will be up much sooner, please review, and I am still taking baby names and gender, so please review and I hope you like this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte. **

charlottes POV

I ran around my room trying to get ready for my first ultrasound, pulling out cloths after cloths, what do you wear to an ultrasound anyway I mean it not like they tell you these things, it doesn't really matter I guess so, pants and a t-shirt seem like my safest option.

"Charlotte hurry it up will you we are meant to be there by 10 o'clock, it takes about twenty minutes to get there and it's already half past nine" shouted mum from down stairs.

"Just give me a second, I just need to grab my bag" I called out to mum.

"Alright, I'll be down by the car, we are taking mine ok" replied mum.

"Ok, I'll be down in a minute" I said as I heard mum shut the front door.

I grabbed my bag and was just about to head down stairs when I caught sight of my reflection in the mirror,I stood in full view of my mirror, looking at my reflection dressed in my baggy grey t-shirt and jeans, with my red hair framing my face I decided to where it down today, and if it got to hot I would just put it up with the brown hair band I always wore on my wrist.

I have always had a bigger frame but as I looked at myself in the mirror I imaged what it would be like once I started to show, would I just look like I was getting fatter or would people begin to notice. I lifted up my shirt and turned to the side with my had on my stomach I wasn't showing yet but they say you don't normally show until at least the third month, I stood staring at my reflection for a few more seconds until I heard a shout coming from down stairs.

"CHARLOTTE" mum called out.

"I'm coming, I'm coming" I laughed, as I ran down the stairs to the car closing the door behind me.

I hopped into the passenger seat of my mums car and smiled at her as I put my belt on.

"You took your time, I thought you said you were only going to be a second" said mum, as she started the car and left the driveway.

"Sorry" I said smiling.

She smiled at me then we where on our way to see my baby for the first time. _

Charlotte's POV

"So is Lewis going to be here anytime soon" mum said, with a hint of annoyance in her voice.

"Yes mum, he said he would be here any second, just give him a few minutes" I said.

"We don't have a few minutes, your appointment is at 10 o'clock and it is 10.03, so no we can not give him a few minutes", mum quietly shouted back at me.

I laughed and shock my head at my mother, I think she is a little freaked out at the idea that we are at my first ultrasound, and the fact that I'm 16 turning 17 not 27, hell I'm freaked out.

"Charlotte Watsford" I heard my name get called out by a small looking woman with a warm smile.

I stood up and mum and I made our way over to the doctor, I looked towards the entrance checking once more to see if Lewis was here, but there was no sign of him.

"Charlotte Watsford" the doctor said looking at me.

"That's me" i said in response.

"Hello Charlotte, please come in" she said gesturing me and mum into the room I looked back once more to entrance but still no sign of Lewis.

The doctor shut the door behind me and gestured mum and I to sit down, and then proceeded to go over to her computer, to bring up my details that mum had given the clinic beforehand.

"So Charlotte my name is dr Apline, but you can call me Belle, and I will be your doctor from now, until you have reached full term, so if you ever have any questions don't hesitate to ask me ok" belle said with a smile.

"Ok, Belle" I said hesitantly.

"So are you ready to see your baby" said belle.

I really want Lewis to be here but I cant keep the doctor waiting, so I nodded.

"Yes" I say, butterfly's starting to fill my stomach.

"Well if you'd like to make your way over to the chair, then we will begin". Belle says smiling at me.

I walk over to where belle told me to go, and I lay down on the chair where a screen and ultrasound equipment are placed next to the chair, I am so nervous as Belle comes over, putting gloves on and grabbing a clear container with blue gel inside it.

"Now Charlotte, I am going to put this on your stomach it will help to see your baby, now can you please lift your shirt up for me" says Belle.

I pull up my shirt slowly and reveal my stomach, I usually don't like to show my stomach the only time I did was when I was a mermaid even then no one really saw me except Lewis.

"This will be cold" I heard Belle say as I looked up at mum who by now was holding my hand.

As I was lost in thought at the prospect of seeing my child, the door slammed open.

"Sorry, I'm late" said Lewis, a look of embarrassment on his face, but a smile lit up on mine.

"Lewis" I said with joy.

"I assume this is the father" Belle whispered so only I could hear.

A flush of red filled my checks, and I nodded.

"So what did I miss" said Lewis.

"Well you almost missed seeing your child for the first time, but other than that you didn't miss much" said mum, I could see the anger on her face.

"I'm sorry Annette, I was busy but I'm here now aren't I" said Lewis a little irritated but still keeping his passive tone.

"I guess, but that is no excuse, the appointment was at ten, not half past ten" said mum.

"Look I already said I was sorry, but I am here so let's get on with the appointment" Lewis retorted.

"I want to know what is more important than your child, and why you couldn't be here on time" mum yelled back.

"I was with cleo, are you happy now that's why I was late and I couldn't exactly tell her that I had to go, because i have to be at my child's ultrasound could I" Lewis whispered to my mum but not quiet enough, so I could hear it.

I have to admit that if hurt, that our child has to be a secret, that I have to be a secret.

"You still haven't told her yet, what are you going to wait until the

baby's born, have you even told your parents" said mum.

"Yes I have told my parents, I just don't know how to tell cleo" said Lewis.

"excuse me, if you two don't stop it I will have to ask you to leave, and nether of you will see the baby, understood" said Belle in a stern yet loving tone.

I was glad that she had interjected because after that mum and Lewis stopped fighting for now and Belle continued with the ultrasound, and Belle was right that jell was cold but I didn't care because what I heard next was possibly the best sound I have ever heard in my life, the sound of my baby's heartbeat.

I looked up at the screen at what looked like a giant jellybean, and Belle pointed out the heart. I had already made up my mind before but now I was certain, I was not giving my baby up for anything or anyone. I looked up at Lewis and I think we were in agreement were keeping this baby no matter what happens.

"That's our baby" said Lewis.

"Yeah" I said looking up at him, "that's our baby".

"Well, Charlotte, Lewis it's looks like your baby is just at the two month mark, which means that it should be due on the 5th of June, so until then we will be having regular appointments, so we can keep up to date with everything that is happening in that belly of yours, so I will book our next appointment for four weeks from now is that ok with you" belle said.

"Yes" I said in response.

"Are we all finished now Dr Apline" said mum.

"Yes we are, I have just got to clean Charlotte up, and print out the ultrasound pictures and we are all done" she said with a smile.

"Charlotte, are you going to be ok if I leave you for a seconded, I have to talk to Lewis for a moment"said mum.

"Yes mum I'm fine, but do you have to fight with Lewis" I said with annoyance.

" I am not going to have fight with him, I am just going to have a little chat with him that's all" she said as she started to head to the door.

"Come on Lewis, we need to talk" said mum.

Lewis looked at me and I mouthed "sorry" as he started to leave.

"Lewis can you wait for me outside until I'm finished" I said.

"Of course I will" he said as he walked out the door to face my mother.

After Belle finished booking me in for my next appointment, she came back over to clean the jell of my stomach.

"Your very lucky you know" Belle said as she wiped the jell of my belly.

"Yeah, lucky I'm so lucky, that I got knocked up at 16, don't get me wrong I mean I love my baby already an I plane on keeping it but, I wouldn't call that lucky" I said looking up at Belle.

"I have seen a lot of teen pregnancies in my time, and a lot of teen mothers who are here by themselves, all alone they have no parents with them, and most of the fathers never even show up, and even when the odd few do come, they especially don't look at there girlfriends the way yours looked at you when you saw the baby for the first time" Belle said as she finished cleaning me off.

"You can pull your shirt down know, and stand up now just make your way over to my desk to collect your baby's first picture" Belle said.

I was in shock at what I just heard, I pulled my shirt down and made my way over to Belle's desk.

"He's not my boyfriend" I said.

"Pardon" said Belle.

"Lewis, he's not my boyfriend" I said.

"Oh I just assumed that you were, sorry my mistake it's just the way he looked at you" said belle.

"He was once, and that's how this happened, but he has a girlfriend that's the reason he was late, he was with her" I said.

"As I said your lucky, other fathers who have another girlfriend refuse to acknowledge they have a child, but he still came. Here are your baby's photos there's one for you and Lewis, I'll see you in four weeks" Belle said with a smile.

"Thank you, I'll see you next time" I said.

I gave Lewis the photo of our child before I came home, I was exhausted and as soon as I got home I ran upstairs and fell straight to sleep.

Cleo's POV

"Lewis" I yelled as I threw a pillow from my bed at him.

"Huh" Lewis said a little distracted.

"What's up with you, ever since you came back from helping your brother at the nursery you have been, I don't know a little out of it" I said

"I'm sorry cleo, I'm just distracted you know" Lewis replied.

"What by" I said a little concerned.

"The fish" said Lewis

"The fish" I said with a condescending tone.

"Lewis what the hell are you talking about" I said.

The fish, what is he talking about god he is an idiot sometimes.

"Yeah they haven't been biting, maybe they don't like my new lure" he said looking at me with a serious face.

"Lewis you are a complete and utter idiot" I said laughing.

"Why are you laughing at me I'm serious" he said with a smile on his face.

I just kept laughing at him, then I leaned in and kissed him, then that turned into making out.

"Eewww, dad Cleo's making out with Lewis" Kim said as she stood at the arch of my bedroom door.

"KIM, what are you doing in my room, god one of these days I will kill you." I said running to shut my door.

But before I could my dad called out.

"Cleo no kissing while I'm under this roof, got it" dad called from downstairs.

"Dad" I whined.

"Got it" yelled dad.

"Yes dad" I called out.

God Kim is such a brat, I can't wait till school starts so I don't have to deal with her pestering me all day.

"Sorry about that" I said to Lewis.

"That's ok, I know how much of a pain Kim can be" Lewis replied.

"How about we get out of here, up for a smoothie at the juice net with the girls" I said walking over to sit on Lewis lap.

"Sure" he said as he warped his arms around me.

"Great I'll text the girls" I said.

Rikki's POV

There is nothing quite like swimming as a mermaid, I can't even remember what it was like to swim without a tail, I am going to savour as much of this as I can before school starts again, but cleo said to meet at the juice net in 5 so I better get to the juice net.

"Move over will you" I said as I made my way over to the booth wear Cleo, Lewis and Emma were all waiting for me.

"Nice to see you to Rikki" said Lewis.

"Charmed" I retorted.

"So what do you guys want" said Lewis.

"I'll have banana smoothie if your shouting" I said.

"Rikki" said Emma with a disapproving tone.

"He asked us what we wanted" I said gesturing towards Lewis.

"It's ok Emma it's my shout" Lewis said.

"What's got into you Lewis" I said.

"Fish" cleo said laughing.

"What" I said confused.

"Nothing" said Lewis " what would you like Emma".

"Oh I'll come up there with you, I want to talk to Ash" said Emma.

Lewis got up with cleo and Emma, while I looked after the booth.

"Hey Rikki can you please pass me my wallet it's in my bag" said Lewis.

I grunted then looked through his bag and found his wallet, then gave it to him.

"Thanks Rikki" Lewis said as he walked off.

I turned back to his bag to zip if up when I found a picture, naturally I took it out to see what it was, a sonogram why on earth does lewis have a sonogram, god he is weird, I looked at the date it was taken, today huh that's funny I wonder whose baby it is, and in the the top right corner I found my answer, Charlotte Watsford.

Charlotte's pregnant, I was not expecting that serves her right fir trying to ruin our lives, now she has something to ruin hers, hang on why does Lewis have a picture of Charlotte's baby, wait a minute how old is this baby, I find the age two months, son of a bitch this is Lewis baby.

I see Lewis and the girls come back, so I hide the picture in my front pocket. We drink our smoothies and I pretended that everything is the same as it was twenty minutes ago but it's not, and I don't think it ever will be again.

"Hey do you want to go to mako" I ask the girls.

"Sure lets go" says cleo as her and Emma get up.

I stay siting.

"Are you coming" says Emma.

"Yeah I'll be there soon, you go ahead I'll catch up" I say,

"Ok suit yourself" says Emma.

Cleo gives Lewis a kiss goodbye, and I fill with rage, then I watch them dive into the water before I confront Lewis.

Lewis starts to make his way out the juice net before I stop him.

"Not so fast Lewis" I say not even trying to contain my anger.

"What is it know Rikki" Lewis says laughing.

"Sit" I say waiting for him to join me.

"What is it Rikki" says Lewis.

I grab the picture from my pocket and place it on the table with force, just waiting for his reaction, and it was exactly the look I was hoping for, but at the same time was hoping I wasn't going to see, fear.

"Lewis I really didn't want to see that face" I said calmly, to my surprise.

"Rikki, I can explain" he said with a pleading expression.

"What that you knocked someone up, and jot just anyone Charlotte, how could you do that to cleo, and how could you knock ultrasound Charlotte" I said anger starting to break my calm faÃ§ade.

"Cleo and I weren't together then so I don't see why your so angry, ok I see why your angry but Charlotte and I were in a relationship" Lewis said.

"But she has been pregnant for two months how long have you known" I said the anger clear in my voice.

"I only found out a couple weeks ago, I just haven't found a way to tell cleo and I don't know if I should, I mean I know I should I just don't want to ruin what we just got back" Lewis said.

"Oh she is going to find out" I said standing up and taking the picture with me.

I walked out to the jetty, as Lewis ran behind me.

"Rikki please give me the photo" said Lewis worry flooding his eyes and voice.

"No, not unless you tell cleo" I said looking him dead in the eyes.

"Rikki please, give me the picture please" Lewis said his eyes starting to water.

"Are you crying, you really don't want cleo to know that bad that you would resort to crying" I said with distain.

God really, I can't believe he would keep this from cleo, and cry to do so.

"It's not that, it's just..., please if you give me the picture I will tell cleo I promise I will, just please give me my baby's picture" Lewis said as if he was drained of energy.

"Fine I will give you the picture on one condition, you tell cleo that Charlotte is pregnant, deal" I said

"Deal" Lewis said stretching his arm towards me.

I gave him back the picture, and watched as relief rushed over his face.

"I hope you understand that if you don't tell cleo the truth in one day, then I will tell her".

Then I dove into the water and made my way to mako.

I hope you all liked this chapter, please review thank you lovely's :)

8. Up in flames

please review and I hope you like this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte.

Lewis POV

"I hope you understand that if you don't tell Cleo the truth in a day, then I will tell her." Rikki said.

And before I even had the chance to protest, she had dived into the ocean on her way to Mako, leaving me standing on the jetty in complete terror, clutching at the picture of my child.

What am I going to do? I only have one day to tell Cleo that Charlotte is pregnant, and now Rikki knows. What if she tells Emma or Zane or, worse, Cleo before I do? How could I have let this happen? Oh no, what if she goes to Charlotte? With her temper who knows what she'd do. I have to warn Charlotte about Rikki before she does something drastic. I just hope I get there before Rikki does.

Rikki POV

As soon as I had dived into the water, on instinct I started to swim to Mako, I still can't believe that Miss-I'm-a-super-mermaid is pregnant and it's Lewis'. Even swimming isn't helping me calm down! Why does Charlotte have to ruin everything even without her powers? She is still messing with our lives and more importantly Cleo. It's not enough she tried to take away her powers and Lewis, but now she's having his baby.

Maybe I am looking at this all wrong, maybe there is a way that Cleo doesn't have to know about the baby, if there was no baby to know aboutâ€¦

I don't know whether Charlotte is keeping the child or not-she could be putting it up for adoption, and the fact that she went for a sonogram means that she doesn't want to kill it, but that's the only way that all this will go away.

Maybe I should pay my dear friend Charlotte a visit.

I made my way to where Charlotte lived, deciding that I would come up with an excuse to the girls afterwards as to why I wasn't Mako, but right now I was drying myself off (I created a wall of steam around me to prevent anyone from seeing me). After I had dried off, I climbed up the rocks at the side of her house to the storage room where she had locked Emma and Cleo on Lewis's birthday.

For someone who is having Lewis's kid she sure doesn't know him that well because that party was a complete disaster according to Cleo. But I'm not here for Lewis, I'm here for Cleo, and knowing Lewis he won't tell Cleo about the baby and _I_ will have to do it, but I won't have to if there is no baby to tell her about.

I climbed the stairs and stayed hidden behind the wall that the stairs were connected to, as I saw Charlotte's mum come outside to go to the pool where Charlotte was swimming.

"Sweet heart, I'm going to work now. I'll see you when I come home. There is dinner in the fridge so just heat it up when you're hungry. I'll see you tomorrow, ok?" Charlotte's mum said as she started to make her way back inside.

"See you tomorrow, love you" said Charlotte.

"I love you too, sweet heart" her mum chimed back.

Sweet heart! Ugh there is nothing sweet about her! But at least now her mum is gone and I have a chance to do what I came here to do.

I walked over to the pool where Charlotte was swimming and stood at the edge of the pool waiting for her to surface.

"Mum did you forget something? â€¦Rikki?" Charlotte said as she surfaced, wiping the water from her eyes in shock as she realised who I was.

"Hello Charlotte, long time no see." I said in a menacing tone.

"What are you doing here?" Charlotte asked, as she got out of the pool. She made her way over to a beach chair with a towel on it.

"Let's play a game shall we? You stand there guessing why I'm here while I stand here and we pretended that you don't know the real reason that I would come to see you in the first place" I said with a hit of sarcasm and annoyance.

"I really don't know why you're here, Rikki." Charlotte said, as she walked past me and started making her way inside her house.

I followed her inside to what I assumed was her living room, with pictures of her and her mum hanging on the walls and a plasma screen TV placed on a glass stand with piles of movies placed neatly underneath, and two giant black couches in the middle of the room where Charlotte stood.

"Are you seriously going to stand there and tell me you don't know why I'm here?" I said angrily.

"Yes, because I don't know why you're here and if you're here to check and see if I'm still a mermaid as you can clearly tell I am soaking wet and no tail, so if that's it then Goodbye!" Charlotte said, gesturing towards the door.

"You really don't know? Well, let me illuminate it for you." I said.

Then I stuck out my hand and curled my fist creating a circle of fire around her.

"What the hell are you doing?!" screamed Charlotte.

"I could ask you the same question. Where were you today?" I said letting the fire dim down and making sure I didn't burn the house down even though I'd like to.

"Why do you need to know? That's my business not yours!" Charlotte said.

Why does she have to be so stubborn? I let the fire rise higher and higher, and I knew she would tell me. She wouldn't want to risk hurting her precious baby.

"Alright, alright I'll tell you! Just please put the fire out" Charlotte said.

I knew that would break her. I thought triumphantly, as I walked over to her couch and sat down as I let the fire out.

"I'm all ears." I said looking up at her, as she made her way over to the kitchen to get some water.

I sat staring as she walked over to the other couch with a glass of water and put it on the coffee table at the edge of the couch, then looked at me and dropped her head in shame as she was about to tell me that she was pregnant.

"How did you find out?" she said defeated.

"It's a funny story actually. I was at the JuiceNet with your baby daddy not too long after you two had been at the baby doctors, and mister guilty felt that he should pay for our smoothie but he had neglected to remember that when he asked me to grab his wallet he had left a very important photo in there, so I look at this picture, and low and behold it's a picture of your baby, but not just _your_ baby, his baby too!" I said leaving venom on every word.

"How dare you! That's Lewis personal belongings and you just go snooping through it!" Charlotte yelled at me in response.

"How dare _you_! Hey, I'm not the one who got herself pregnant, am I?" I said.

"And what is it you plan to do with this information? Why did you come here? I assume it wasn't just for the satisfaction of having me confess that I'm pregnant!" Charlotte said, strangely calm.

"Bravo Charlotte, you actually have some brains! You're right. I didn't just come here to have the satisfaction of you telling me that you're pregnant, I came here to tell you to get rid of it!" I said.

She looked at me in shock and for a moment I thought she had gone mute, but she was back to her annoying self in no time.

"WHAT! Are you seriously telling me to give my baby up for adoption? No way! What right do you have to tell me what to do with my life?" Charlotte screamed at me.

"I think you misunderstand what I am saying. I am not telling you to give up your baby, I'm telling you to get it aborted." I said standing up now and making my way over to where Charlotte stood.

"Get out right now before..."Charlotte said.

"Before what? You don't have any powers, what can you do to me?" I said.

Charlotte looked down at the ground in silence.

"Nothingâ€|" she said.

"That's exactly what I thought. Nothing." I said.

"But that doesn't mean that I am going to kill my baby, and why should I do that?" Charlotte yelled.

"Why! Because you made our lives a living hell and tried to take away our tails, and not only that you stole Cleo's necklace and you took Lewis away from her and now you are having his child! Haven't you hurt her, and us, enough! That's why it is better for everyone if you have that thing aborted!"

"'That thing' is my baby and yes, I have done some stupid and cruel things in the past that I am not proud of and I'm sorry, but this baby wasn't planned but just because it was an accident doesn't mean that I don't love it already, so I am not having my child aborted and you have NO RIGHT to tell me to do so I am keeping my baby"

That was it. I will not take any more of this crap. I am going to settle this once and for all, I started to burn the table that was near her and then moved the fire near her forcing her to return to the centre of the room again, I surrounded her by a ring of fire again and let the fire go higher as glasses and flower vases broke from the heat.

"Stop it, stop it" Charlotte screamed.

"No! Not until you get rid of the baby!"

"Never!"

"Suit yourself." I said as the flames rose higher and higher, but not so high that they reached the ceiling.

Then I spotted something on a computer desk in the corner: in a silver frame was the sonogram of Charlotte's child. Charlotte looked at me shaking her head as I rose my other hand to where the picture was.

"No, no please no" Charlotte screamed.

I started to slowly curl my hand into a fist, the glass of the frame started to crack but before I could get to the picture I heard and ear piercing cry as Charlotte dropped to the ground, and I stopped the fires around her.

I looked down at Charlotte. She gripped at her arm where there was a huge burn mark, and in a way I felt bad. I just wanted her to change her mind. I didn't think that she would be stupid enough to try and jump through fire.

"Tell Lewis he has until 6 tomorrow night to tell Cleo about the baby or I am telling her." I said as I started heading for the door to the pool and the jetty.

I left Charlotte's house and dove off the jetty and into the ocean, after that it's clear that she is never going to give up that baby so now I have to wait and see if Lewis will keep his deal and if not then it's up to me.

Lewis POV

My head was somewhere else while on the drive to Charlotte's. I just hope that I get there before Rikki does.

Just at that moment I had a strange feeling in the pit of my stomach that something was wrong with Charlotte.

I parked my car in Charlotte's drive way, and ran as fast as I could to her front door.

"Charlotte, Charlotte!" I yelled.

But there was no answer and I couldn't open the door. I found the spare key and as quick as I could, I opened the door.

I closed the door behind me and walked in to the living room, unprepared for what I would see. Glass was everywhere and there were scorch marks on the floor. In the middle of the room was Charlotte surrounded by a ring of ash. She was crying with her hand on her stomach and the other on what appeared to be a burn mark.

"Charlotte?" I said, worry flooding through me as I ran down to where she was.

She looked up at me and continued to cry I took her In my arms and held her tight and let her rest her head on my neck. I let her cry until she was out of tears before I asked her what happened.

"What happened? Was it Rikki?" I said looking at Charlotte.

She nodded.

"What did she want? Why did she do this?"

"She wanted me to give up the baby."

"What! She wants us to give the baby up for adoption?" I said in shock.

How dare she! What gives her the right to decide what we should do with our child?

"No she doesn't want us to give the baby up, she was us to get it aborted." Charlotte said tears starting to return to her eyes.

"Hey, hey I won't let that happen, do you hear me? No one is going to hurt our baby, no one." I said hugging her tight again.

"Ouch!" Charlotte screamed.

I took a hold of her arm, having a close look at the burn on in. It was worse than I thought and it had started to blister. Why would Rikki do this? God, that girl is crazy.

"I'm sorry. Here, get up on the couch and I'll go get some water for that." I said, helping Char onto the couch.

"Lie down; I'll be back." I said making my way to the kitchen.

I came back with a plastic bag full of ice and a tea towel to place on Charlotte's arm.

"This is going to hurt." I warned, as I placed the tea towel and the ice on her wound. She winced.

"Sorryâ€¦" I said it was going to hurt." I said smiling at her.

She smiled back at me, then a thought crossed my mind. Charlotte has powers (well the baby does), why didn't she use them.

"Charlotte? Why didn't you use your powers? I mean look what Rikki did. You could have stopped it, why didn't you?" I said.

"I made a promise to myself and my baby that I wouldn't use my powers like I did before, and the way I see it they're not my powers to use, they're my baby's, sorry _our_ baby's. I am not going to be that person again and also I didn't want Rikki to know I still had powers, even if they aren't mine." Charlotte said.

Wow, she really is trying to change for our child and for herself.

"Charlotte, I have learnt through all this mermaid business that

things happen for a reason, and that magic plays a huge part in the girls' lives. If the powers of our baby can be used by you it means that there is a reason that you can use them." Our eyes met, and for some reason when our eyes met I felt butterflies in the pit of my stomach.

"Well, um, why don't you rest and I will try and clean up this mess" I said.

"No, I'll help you."

"No, I will do it. Rest and I'll wake you when I'm done." I said forcing Charlotte back on the couch.

Charlotte laid back on the couch and in no time she was asleep. I cleaned up all the glass and tried to cover the scorch marks with a giant carpet I found. I then found another frame for the picture of our baby. Once everything looked like it was back to normal, I went to wake up Charlotte.

"Charlotte, Charlotte" I said, then I was whacked in the face.

"Oh Lewis, I am so sorry!" Charlotte said, laughing.

I clutched my face and laughed too.

"That's the last time I try to wake you up. I am going now, is there anything else you need?" I said.

"No, and thanks for cleaning up. And Lewis, before Rikki left she said that you have until six tomorrow night to tell Cleo, or she will." Charlotte said.

"Oh, ok. I will. Bye Charlotte." I said, giving her a hug.

We stayed there for a while, then I let go and made my way to my car, on my way to tell Cleo that Charlotte is pregnant.

so what did you think of this chapter please review and I am still taking baby names, thanks lovely's :)

9. You can't have both

Thank you to everyone who have supported my story keep it up :) please read and review, tell me what you think of the story so far and enjoy this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

I heard the door close, still standing in the middle of my lounge room where Lewis had left me. Why did Lewis have that effect on me? It's like whenever he is with me there is only us. Look at the way he took care of me and cleaned up the house and what did I do? Whack him in the face! But of course he wouldn't have had to clean the house if Rikki hadn't come to tell me to kill my baby.

And Rikki wouldn't even be here if I wasn't pregnant to begin with,

and Lewis wouldn't have to deal with me and he could move on with his life. It all came down to me being stupid and us not being safe.

How can I be thinking like this? Rikki did this. I didn't ask her to come over here and insult me and threaten the life of me and my child.

I lowered my hand down to my stomach and looked around the lounge room. Wow. Lewis did a good job. It doesn't look at all like a Rikki sized bomb hit it.

I can't believe that she tried to get me to kill my baby.

"You're not even born yet and I'm already a bad mother. I should have defended myself instead of keeping your powers hidden, but I promise from now on nothing and no one is going to hurt you because I love you and nothing is going to take you away from me." I said looking down to where my child was growing inside me.

And Even though I had my moment of doubt I meant every word; I am not going to let Rikki or anyone try to hurt my baby because if they even try they will have to go through me.

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><p>Lewis POV<p>

I pulled into Cleo's driveway, my hands trembling as I stopped the car. What if Cleo never wants to see me again? That or worse. Though I don't know what could be worse than Cleo not seeing me anymore, maybe her killing me even though I deserve everything I get.

I got out of the car, walked to her front door and knocked. There was no backing out now. I had to tell Cleo, and there was no other way out of it. It's not Charlotte's job or even Rikki's. it's mine, and after everything that has happened today there's is no other option, what with Rikki finding out and giving me a deadline and trying to hurt my child, which I don't know if I can ever forgive her for and even Annette governing me an ultimatum. I have to tell Cleo today.

12 hours ago

"Come on Lewis, we need to talk." said Annette.

Oh great here we go. I then looked over at Charlotte as she mouthed "Sorry" as I headed to what I was sure would be a screaming fest, but before I left I heard Charlotte call out to me.

"Lewis, can you wait for me outside until I'm finished?" she said.

"Of course I will." I replied before I walked out to face Charlotte's mother.

I closed the door behind me as I made my way over to the couch where Annette sat.

"Sit down Lewis."

I sat down straight away, surprised by the calm tone and body language that Annette was displaying.

"Lewis, I just want you to know that I want you to be a part of my grandchild's life."

"And I plan on being in it." I managed to say before Annette placed her hand in front of my face.

"Let me finish."

I nodded my head and let her continue.

"But if you don't tell Cleo about your child then I am afraid that you won't be."

"What?" I said

"I'm still not finished!"

Annette paused for another moment before continuing: "Lewis, not telling your girlfriend that you are going to have a child is no way to bring a child into the world and in my books it tells me that you are sharpening up to be a pretty poor father. You need to tell that girl about the baby or you are not going to be in its life. Do you hear me?"

"I hear you, but I don't want to lose Cleo." I said

"Tell me what is more important: some relationship that may or may not last or being in your child's life, because frankly I don't give a damn about your girlfriend. I care about my daughter and my future grandchild so make a choice because you can't have both, you're either in this child's life one hundred percent or not at all. Take your pick."

And with that Annette got up and left.

Present time

"Lewis." Cleo smiled as she opened the door.

Overcome with emotion, I pulled her outside and kissed her, for what I believed would be the last time.

"Wow, what was that for?" Cleo said laughing.

"I just love you, that's all."

"I love you too" she said giving me a hug.

"Is anyone home?"

"No, it's just us we've got the whole house to ourselves." Cleo took me by the hand and led me inside shutting the door behind us.

"Look Cleo there's something I've got to tell you." I said making my way over to the lounge.

"Sure. What is it?" Cleo said skipping over to me.

I gestured to the couch. "You may want to sit down."

"Lewis, what is it?" Cleo said, concernedly, as she sat down on the couch as I sat on coffee table.

"Well, you know how before we got back together I was dating Charlotte and then she turned into a mermaid." I said trying to prolong the process of telling her.

"Yes, I am Lewis. And she tried to get back together with you and take mine and the girls' powers away. I am aware Lewis. Why do you bring it up?" she said a little irritated.

"Well, we were going out." I said not knowing what else to say.

"Yes Lewis, get to the point, if there is one." Cleo said even more annoyed.

I got up of the coffee table, and sighed in frustration. Why is this so hard?

"Lewis, what is it? Whatever it is you can tell me." What she said reassured me.

"That's the thing, I don't know how to tell you."

"Well, can you show me? If you can, of course."

The picture! I completely forgot. Ok, this was it. There was no more putting this off.

"Here." I said defeated, as I pulled the picture out of my pocket and passed it to Cleo.

Cleo took the picture from me and looked at it look of confusion across her face then of understanding and betrayal.

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><p>Cleo's POV<p>

I took the picture From Lewis, wondering what could have him so worked up and how a picture could hold the key to what he was so worried about. I looked down at the picture wondering why on earth he had just given me a picture of a sonogram. At first I was confused until I saw the date of when it was taken: today when Lewis went to go help his brother. Then I looked at the top right hand corner where the name Charlotte Watsford written on it.

What! Charlotte's pregnant and this was taken at the exact time that Lewis went to help his brother, then afterwards he came here all weird, on my god no, no.

I looked up at him, tears running down my cheeks and a look of complete hopelessness on Lewis face.

"Cleo?"

"It's not true, tell me this is not true." I said throwing the

picture of his child at him.

"Cleoâ€¦"

The way he said my name proved that it was. I clutched at my chest trying to breathe.

"How long?" I said through sobs.

"How long what?"

"How long have you known?!" I yelled at him.

"About three weeksâ€¦" Lewis said

"Three weeks and you never told me, for three weeks you never once thought to mention that you got someone pregnant, and not just anyone. Charlotte!" I said continuing to yell at him.

"Hey, she kept it from me as well!" he said, trying to plead his case.

"But you didn't have to keep it from me. You should have told me the second you found out!"

"I almost did that day. I was at the moon pool and I was talking to myself."

"Argh yes, the day you made up some garbage about your dentist. I'm not an idiot Lewis."

"Well, I didn't even know. Then I overheard her talking about it and connected the dots."

"Well, you could have told me straight away instead of lying to me!"

"Would it have made a difference, Cleo? A difference to how you would have reacted if I told you straight away?"

"No, but at least we would be going through this together." I said falling back to the couch.

This can't be happening, this just can't be happening.

"Cleo, I love you. That's why I didn't tell you."

Really, Lewis. You have a wacked out definition of love if you think this is what love is.

"How long were you hoping to not tell me? Wait until it was born and just go 'hey, Cleo, by the way I have a kid now'?"

"I really don't know, but the reason I didn't tell you is because I love you so much and the reason I did tell you is because I love you and I don't want to lose you."

I don't want to lose Lewis either, but I don't know how to deal with this.

"Lewis, I love you too, I do, but I just I don't know what to do and I don't want to end what we have, but you need to give me some time to process this."

"Ok, I will give you some space."

Lewis then picked up his photo and left. As soon as he had gone, I ran upstairs, fell on my bed and began to cry.

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><p>Lewis POV<p>

I closed the door behind me and went over to my car, got in and looked up at Cleo's room. I then grabbed out my phone and pressed the call button.

"Hello."

"You don't have to tell Cleo anymore. You won. Come anywhere near Charlotte and my child again and it'll be the last thing you do." I said then hung up the phone

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><p>So that's that's the end of this chapter and a special thanks goes out to DeafAngle2000 who has helped me so much throughout this story and check her story, "rewind to the beginning" thanks lovely's :)

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10. Sweet dreams and nightmares

Thank you to those who reviewed, please tell me what you think of this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte :)

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

"Arrrrrrghhhh!" I screamed.

The pain was the worst thing I have ever felt in my life, but it was all worth it once I heard the cries of my baby.

I looked up and there, right in front of me was my baby.

"Congratulations Charlotte, it's a boy." Said the doctor, Belle, bringing my baby to me.

"A boyâ€¦!"

Tears started running down my face as Belle placed my son in my arms, leaving the room after she'd done so.

I looked at my son. He looked just like Lewis: the same beautiful eyes and from what I could tell he had small tufts of blond hair. I

kissed his head holding him close to me. Then I realised something. Where was Lewis?

Just then the door opened and a woman entered. But not just anyone, Rikki.

"What are you doing here?" I said holding on to my son tightly.

"Why else do you think I'm here? I'm here for the baby." Rikki said as if it was obvious.

"You are never going to touch my baby!" I screamed at her, making my son start to cry.

>"Oh yes I am." Rikki said matter of factley.<p>

Then I felt a burning sensation start to spread through my body making me weak and loosen my grip on my son, and in that moment Rikki took my baby from me.

"Noooo! Give me back my son! What are you going do to him?" I screamed.

Rikki looked down at my son then back at me before she eventually spoke.

"Oh he's not your baby anymore. He's Cleo's and Lewis'. You don't deserve him. Not after what you did to us." Rikki said with a menacing smile:

I went to go use my powers then reasoned I don't have them anymore now that I had my son.

Rikki let out a menacing laugh.

"You don't have powers anymore. You can't hurt us. Now it's time that you got a taste of your own Medicine." said Rikki

She then looked down at my son and kissed him on the head, then my baby placed one hand out and using Cleo's second power he blew me out of the room, with me screaming.

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><p>"Arrhh!" I screamed as I woke up from the dream.<p>

"Charlotte? Charlotte? Are you ok?" Mum was calling out in concern as she barged into my room.

"I'm fine. It was just a bad dream. Go back to bed, mum."

Mum then made her way over to my bed and sat down in front me.

"Are you sure you don't want to talk about it?" she sounded concerned.

"No, I'm fine, really, it's ok, you go back to bed."

"Ok sweet heart, if you need me just come in and wake me up. I won't mind." She said, smiling at me and stroking my hair.

Mum then left my room, and I waited until I heard the door to her room close then I picked up my phone and called Lewis.

The dial tone rang three times until Lewis picked up.

"Charlotte, it's like three in the morning. Are you ok?"

"Yeah Lewis, I'm fine it's ok. You just go back to sleep. It doesn't matter. Sorry I woke you, bye Lewis." I said before I hung up on him.

God. Why did I call him over a silly little dream? It doesn't even matter. God it's hot in here, I think that 'silly little dream' freaked me out more than I thought because I am drenched in sweat. Maybe I should have a bath and open my window to let some fresh air inâ€¦

I spent about twenty minutes in the shower, and although I miss being a mermaid, I love the fact that I can have a shower again. After my shower I got dressed in a new pair of purple pjs and looked at myself in the mirror. A smile spread across my face as I noticed that I was showing not a lot but enough that I noticed. I placed one of my hands on my stomach excited that soon I will be able to feel my child kicking and see it growing in front of me.

I walked out of my bathroom only to see someone climbing through my window. I grabbed one of the books off my bookshelf ready to at least try and protect myself from the intruder climbing through my window.

I was just about to whack this guy in the head with my hard copy version of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, when he fell out of my window to reveal not an intruder butâ€¦

"Lewis? What the hell are you doing here? I almost hit you with Harry Potter!" I said as the fear started to subside.

"Pulling out the big guns, Harry Potter." Lewis said jokingly.

"Why are you here, Lewis? I thought someone had come to murder me." I said as I made my way over to my bed and sat cross legged on top of the blanket.

"And you were going to protect yourself with Harry Potter." he said mocking my choice in weapon and still avoiding my question.

"Lewisâ€¦" I said giving him a look of annoyance.

"Ok, well first of all you woke me up at three in the morning, and seconded you told me not to worry about it and in Charlotte talk that means that you really want to talk about it but you don't want anyone to worry about you so tell them not to, so I will ask again: what's wrong?"

He knew me too well.

"It's nothing reallyâ€¦ it's stupid, you really didn't have to come over here."

"Charlotte." Lewis said as he sat in front of me.

"Ok. I had a bad dream about the baby." I said feeling stupid.

"Well, what happened in the dream? Is the baby ok?" Lewis said, concerned.

"Noâ€¦ the baby's fine." I said, placing a hand on my stomach.

Lewis looked relieved as I said that.

"Well then, what happened in the dream?" he said.

I then proceeded to tell Lewis about how in the dream we had a son and Rikki had stolen him from my arms and how afterwards our baby used his powers against me and that he was no longer my child but Cleo's and Lewis'.

"Charlotte, you know that I would never take our baby away from you." Lewis said.

"I know, I know, I told you it was stupid." I said.

"No it's not. It's obvious that your visit from Rikki still scares you, and you don't want anything to happen to our child, maybe this dream is just a way of your subconscious trying to deal with it." Lewis said.

I hate when he's right and he uses science against me.

"Why do you have to bring that up?" I said.

"Charlotte. You still have the burn mark on you!" he said pointing to the red mark on my arm.

Ever since that day I have been trying to forget what Rikki did to me. Mostly because I don't want to seem weak and another because it's a reminder that she actually could have hurt my baby and that is something I wouldn't be able to live with.

"By the way, what did you tell your mum it was from?" Lewis asked.

"That I accidentally burnt it on my hair straightener."

"And she bought that?" Lewis said.

"Well, yeah it's not like she would believe the truth that I was almost set on fire by a phsyco mermaid who tried to get me to kill my baby so Cleo wouldn't have to deal with the fact that you got me pregnant."

I regretted what I said the instant it left my mouth, it had been nearly a week and a half since Lewis had told Cleo about the baby and she hadn't taken it well, so Lewis decided to give her space, he just didn't realise how long that space would last.

"I'm sorry I didn't mean to say thatâ€¦" I said as I saw the look on Lewis face.

"No it's, its ok." Lewis said, upset.

"Have you heard from her yet?"

"No I haven't, and I don't know how long it's going to take for her to forgive me. I don't want to lose her."

It felt like I had been stabbed in the heart when he said that. I knew that we were over and that us having a child together kind of complicated things, but he loved Cleo and I would just have to accept that no matter how much I don't like it. But there was only room for one man in my life at the moment and that was my son.

"I know, I can't help that, seeing as I was the cause but I have some exciting news." I said

"Really, what?" Lewis said back to his cheerful self.

"I'm showing now!" I said as I hopped of the bed, lifted up some of my shirt and turned to the side to show Lewis the little bump that had begun to form.

"Wow, have you felt anything yet?" Lewis said, excited.

"No, not yet." I pulled down my shirt and got under the covers of my bed.

"And I think it may be a boy."

"Really? A boy?"

"I'm not sure but in my mind I picture a boy, maybe there was other meaning behind that dream."

"Well we will see, won't we?"

"Yeah, we will"

We talked for another half an hour before Lewis climbed back out my window and to his car. It was nice talking to him without the secret hanging over us and about the future of our child who I was adamant was a boy, it was like for that brief period of time no matter how short it was, nothing mattered.

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><p>I woke up the next day thankfully having a nightmare free sleep, I got dressed and thought I would spend my day at the beach.<p>

When I got there, I found myself wanting to go to Lewis secret fishing spots, well one of many of Lewis fishing spots, on my way there I felt completely relaxed as I felt the cool ocean breeze on my face the sand in my toes and the sound of the ocean feeling like nothing could ruin my day.

But I was wrong as I turned the around the corner to where Lewis spot was who should I run in to none other than Cleo.

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><p>ooh cleo and charlotte show down please tell what you'd like to see happen and also I would like to thank hermionewp for being my beta, and thanks again lovely's :).

11. The mermaid and the stranger

Thank you to all of you who keep reading please remember to review and I hope you enjoy this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

Oh crap cleo ok maybe if I turn around quickly she won't notice me, great plan that's what I'll do, and it would have worked if to had it not been for the fact that I hit my toe on a rock and screamed out in pain.

"Charlotte" cleo said in surprise and with a hit of venom to it.

I slowly turned around to look at the brunettes face of rage, jeez if looks could kill id be dead.

"Hey, cleo" I said like one would when they say thanks for a pair of socks they got for Christmas.

"Don't hey Cleo me, you have some explaining to do" cleo said aggravated.

"I do" I said sarcastically.

"Yep, right now" cleo said while stamping her foot in the sand.

It reminded me of the time she stole my diary and thought that I was leading on Lewis, and was with someone named RJ when really I was doing a play for Romeo and Juliet.

I then let out a laugh and cleo stared at me in anger.

"What's so funny" cleo asked irritated and impatient.

"Nothing" I said still laughing at myself.

"If it was nothing then you wouldn't of laughed" she said.

"Does it really matter" I said.

"Yes because you are just avoiding my question" she said annoyed.

"And what would that be" I said folding my arms and resting them on my stomach.

Cleo then looked down at my stomach then back to my face, she had a look of both anger and sadness in her eyes.

"That" she said pointing to my stomach.

"Look cleo I'm sorry but this wasn't planed" I said wow it sounds like they are the only words I say these days.

Cleo then went to open her mouth to talk but nothing came out, we then stood there in awkward silence for what seemed like half an hour, and it was in that silence that I recalled the first time I actually thought that I could be pregnant and ironically it was the first time that I saw cleo after I lost my powers well tail anyway.

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><p>2 months ago<p>

It had been a 2 weeks since Lewis had kissed me the night of the full moon and since I said I wouldn't bother him or the girls again, but I kept going back to that kiss why did he do it and why did we both pretend that it didn't happen when I saw him to apologise and to give back me grandmothers necklace.

I went to go and hold it, but I knew that it wasn't around my neck anymore and in a way I felt kind of empty without it, whoa I brought my had up to my mouth as I felt my self get nausea again it had been happening for a couple weeks now and to be honest I was beginning to get worried.

I sat stood in there with my had to my stomach waiting for it it to subside, then eventually it did, than god because I hate being sick. I then kept on walking till I neared the juice net and just before I was about to enter I bump into someone.

"Oh god I am so sorry" I said.

"It's ok" the girl said.

Then we both looked up.

"Cleo"

"Charlotte"

We both said in unison.

"I really am sorry I wasn't looking where I was going"

"That's ok" cleo said but I didn't sound like there was any sincerity in her voice.

"Well I'll just be on my way then" I said walking towards the entrance to the juice net.

"No wait" cleo said.

"Yeah"

"I just wanted to thank you for the necklace, I know that It wasn't easy for you" cleo said.

I was starting to feel sick again, and I don't think it had to do

with the fact that cleo was bring that up was she genuinely thanking me or mocking me, not old Charlotte would see that as mocking but new Charlotte will take it as a complaint.

"Thank you cleo, it was the right thing to do"

"Well I really am thankful" she said.

"Your welcome" I said.

Cleo then started talking about something but my mind was somewhere else because I could feel gone vomit start to come back but this time I wouldn't be able to wait till it passes so without saying even saying goodbye to cleo I bolted for the toilets and locked the door behind me just in time before I was throwing my guts up.

After it was over I sat on the floor leaning against the toilet wall, I know it's disgusting seeing as it is a public toilet but i did just throw up and what's more foul then that, god why do I keep getting sick I mean this all started happening a about a month ago and I am pretty sure that you can't get food posing for that long so it can't be that what else could it be.

Then it hit me I have been seek every morning for the past month and the month before I had spent that night with Lewis could I be pregnant, oh god could I be pregnant there was only one way to find out on my way home I would buy a pregnancy test and find out if I was going to have a child Lewis child.

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><p>Present time<p>

Cleo was playing with the locket around her neck when I finally decided to break the silence.

"Look cleo I know I said this before but I am going to say it again, this baby was an accident and he wasn't planed"

"Oh I supposes I should congratulate you on your new son I am sure that you and Lewis are very happy with that news" cleo said leaving venom on each word she said.

"Look I know that I am not on your list of people you want to see right now but there must be a reason why we both decided to come here today"

"I came here because I thought I might run into Lewis, what's your excuse" cleo yelled at me.

"I don't know for some reason I just felt like coming here"

"Because that's supposed to make me feel better, that the universe wanted me to speak to the woman who is carrying the love of my life's child, thank you Charlotte that just made everything better" cleo screamed at me.

"Look I didn't mean for this to happen, I didn't plan on Lewis finding out I was going to do this by myself, but he found out and I can't help the fact that he wants yo be in his child's life, and it's

a team effort cleo I didn't do this by myself" I yelled at cleo.

Oh shit I shouldn't have said that, I should not have said that.

Cleo gave me the dirtiest look she then turned to face the water lifting her palm out to the ocean and creating a ball of water, she then turned it to me.

"Would you like to know what feels like to have one of these thrown at you to or can only you be the one to inflict pain"

"Oh not again I have already had this crap from Rikki I don't need it from you to" I yelled back at her.

Cleo then dissolved the ball of water in her had.

"What do you mean from Rikki" she said confused.

"Oh I thought Lewis told you already" I said.

Now I was confused did Lewis really not tell cleo what happened, as a meter of fact I didn't even know what went down when he told her all I knew was that cleo asked for space to get her head around it.

"No he didn't tell me anything" the annoyed tone in her voice this time was not because of me but because of Lewis.

"Oh well if he didn't tell you anything then I won't be the one to tell you" I said retreating from the mess I had made.

"Charlotte" cleo said with a stubborn expression as if to say tell me or I will make you.

"Fine but your not going to like it" I said before I gave her the story of how Rikki almost burnt down my house.

So I began to tell Cleo about how Rikki coming to my house raving about how if I didn't get rid of the baby then she was going to, then I showed her the burn on my arm and how I tried go stop her from burning the baby picture and how she only stopped when I burnt myself then she left threatening me to tell Lewis to tell cleo or she would.

And after I said my piece cleo stood there in silence trying to take in all I had just said.

"I'm sorry you had to hear it from me but I really thought Lewis told you" I said

Then cleo finally spoke.

"No the only reason that he didn't tell me is because he knew that it would cause a fight between me and Rikki" cleo said.

"He really misses you" I said.

"How do you know he misses me" cleo said with a questioning tone.

"Ugh he didn't he only told me that he told you about the baby and that you were giving each other space, I just assumed by the way he said you were giving each other space"

Nice save but I don't think she bought it.

"Really, look I am not happy about any of this but I love Lewis and if that means that I have to deal with you, having his baby well then so be it oh and don't worry about Rikki anymore I will talk to her, I am sure that Lewis wouldn't want his child hurt so if that means not hurting you then I will tell the girls to back off"

"Thank you" I said

"I'm not doing this for you I'm doing it for Lewis" Cleo said with venom.

Then she turned to the ocean and dived in heading to I assume Mako.

Well that didn't go as bad as I thought it would it didn't o well but it wasn't as bad as it could have been, and at least it was over with.

Now that that's over with I think I need a milkshake or something I am craving a milkshake right now. I then started to head out from behind Lewis secret fishing spot when bam.

"Oh my god I am so sorry" I said to the guy I had just ran into.

"It's ok I wasn't watching where I was going either" the stranger said.

He had short curly brownish black hair and a handsome face and was a little taller than Lewis and more muscles than Lewis but he had the same dazzling blue eyes and a thick British accent.

On my god this guy was hot, stay focused Charlotte.

"Um sorry again well bye" god I'm an idiot when it comes to hood looking guys not that I had a shot with him seeing as I'm knocked up.

After I left the stranger behind I started to make my way over to the juice net, but when I got there I felt like I was being watched I made my way over to the jetty and looked around then I saw a head go under the water.

It must have been Cleo.

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><p>The stranger's POV<p>

"Oh my god I am so sorry" I said to the girl I had just ran into.

"It's ok I wasn't watching where I was going either" I said.

She had long red hair and beautiful brown eyes that seemed look into your soul and was dressed in a red and white summer dress that matched her fiery red hair and the loveliest Aussie accent I had ever heard.

"Um sorry again, well bye" she said hurrying up to the cafe that was just a short distance from the beach.

I quickly looked around me then went the secluded area of the beach were rocks blocked anyone from seeing what you where doing I then dove into the ocean and mentally started to count down from ten.

5,4,3,2,1

I looked down at my blue tale then same at hydro speed yo the jetty that was at the front of what was called the juice net cafe.

And I saw the girl with the fiery red hair making her way into the juice net until she stopped and started walking onto the jetty, I quickly ducked under the water then popped back up once she turned around.

And didn't swim away until I saw her make her way back into the cafe.

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><p>A merman what do you think will happen next thank you to all my reviewers and tell me what you think of this chapter once again thanks lovely's :)

12. So we meet again

hey guys sorry for the wait, if you were waiting ;) and I would also like to give a big shout out to DeafAngel2000 you have been a great help and check out her story: rewind to a new beginning, anyway thanks for reviewing and please review and I hope you like this chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte

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><p>Charlotte POV<p>

"Charlotte you better hurry up or your going to be late for school" mum cried out from down the bottom of the stairs.

"I'll be down in a minute. Besides it's not like you have to drive me" I yelled back down to her.

"I know I don't, but I want to" mum said smiling up at me.

I started to run down the stairs with my bag on my back, facing her I reached the bottom of the stairs.

"I'm pregnant mum not an invalid" as I grabbed my keys of the kitchen counter.

"Your right, I'm sorry I just worry that's all" mum said guilt

tripping me.

"And I love that you worry, but if I'm going to be a mother then you need to let me figure things out for myself. I love you mum" I said as I gave her a quick kiss on the cheek.

"I love you to" she said as I began walking out to my car.

I got in my car and started the engine. To be honest I kind of wanted mum to take me because I was dreading the fact that I would have to face the girls again. And not to mention what would happen once people found out.

But I can't let that stop me from living my life. I just need to take the days that lay ahead one day at a time and see what it brings.

So it's time to go to school.

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><p>Cleo POV<p>

"You tried to burn Charlotte" I screamed at Rikki.

Its just a couple minutes until school starts again. But the girls and I have made it tradition to meet at mako before school, since we became mermaids.

But today is not like our ordinary morning swims because Rikki went crazy.

"Hello. She is having Lewis kid, I wanted to protect you" Rikki tried to plead her reason for burning Charlotte.

I don't like the girl, but seriously Rikki!

"So you thought that you would just burn her and murder her child" I questioned her .

"No, look I didn't mean to burn her she was an idiot and did that to herself. And as for her kid I just wanted her to get an apportion I wasn't going to kill it. I was just persuading her" Rikki said.

"God do you hear yourself you sound like a crazy person" I said.

It's like she doesn't realise that what she did is totally illegal let alone psychotic.

"If I may interject here. From what I can tell from this situation Rikki was only trying to protect you" Emma said from the sidelines.

"See" Rikki said to me.

What are you thinking emma, what she did was crazy.

"But. There was others ways that you could have gone about the situation" Emma stated.

"See" I said to Rikki mimicking what she said before.

"Cleo" Rikki said to me as if to say she was sorry but she stood by what she did.

"Look I don't want to fight with you. The real reason that I brought it up was because, from now on no one is to harm Charlotte or the baby got it" I said to both Emma and Rikki. Even though I was manly aiming it at Rikki.

"Come on I thought you of all people would want to hurt her" Rikki yelled at me.

"Look I don't like the girl. But this is Lewis's baby to, and if that means that laying of Charlotte then so be it. And you are not to tell anyone about the baby got it" I said.

Rikki looked at me as if she was going to protest.

"Got it" I repeated.

"Yes I've got it. I won't touch or use my powers on Charlotte" Rikki said reluctantly.

"Good now that that's settled time for school" I said enthusiastically.

Rikki grunted at me and Emma gave me a grin then we headed out of the moon pool and on our way to school.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

I had just pulled into the school car park and I was freaking out. I really don't want to see Cleo and the girls but most of all I don't want to see them with Lewis, but Cleo said she would tell the girls to back off so what am I so scared of, ok here I go.

I got out of my car and started to make my way off to my locker when out of no where I ran head first into someone.

"Oh my god I am so sorry" I said to the guy I had just ran into.

"It's ok I wasn't watching where I was going either" the guy said.

I looked up and it was the same guy from the beach.

"Hey, I've met you before" I said to the guy, this is embarrassing that's like the second time I've ran into him like this.

"That's right, we ran into each other at the beach. We seem to be making a habit of this" the handsome guy said.

"Yeah" I said in a daze, completely distracted by how attractive this guy was, until I realised I was staring and got pulled back to reality.

"Ugh what I mean is, um...sorry" god I'm an idiot, I had to look down

at the grass in shame.

"That's ok, the way I see if you run into some one once you say sorry and walk of, run into them twice then I think it's time for and introduction" the stranger informed me.

"Oh sorry how rude of me, my names Charlotte" I told the handsome stranger.

"What a lovely name, I'm Cole by the way" Cole said.

"That's a hot name" I blurted out before covering my mouth with my hands.

Oh god I'm so embarrassed. Cole then laughed at me before he replied.

"Thanks, your the first to say so" he said with another laugh.

"So are you new here" I asked cole trying to avoid any mention of what I just said.

"Yeah I just moved here, I was actually trying to find my locker when I ran into you" i have to admit I was distracted the whole time he was talking.

I zoned back in once he stopped I think he said something about lockers.

"Oh, what's your locker number I'll show you" I think that's what he was talking about.

What is wrong with me I never get like this around guys, oh this is one of the joys of pregnancy, hormones.

"That would be brilliant, it's number 37B" he told me, as he read of a piece of paper.

"Well I can definitely take you to locker 37B, because it's right next to mine" I informed cole.

"Brilliant" he replied.

Then I began to head towards our lockers.

"So does Charlotte have a last name" cole asked.

"Yes she does, it's Watsford" I answered. "What about you Cole"

"Hunter is that a hot name as well" he said with a laugh.

"I'm never going to live that down now am I" I asked him as we finally reached our lockers.

"No" he replied.

"Well Cole Hunter, here we are" I informed him trying to hide the shame of saying his name was hot.

"Thank you, your a bloody life saver so what is your home room class" Cole asked me.

"12B" I told him.

"Aww that's a shame, I've got 12A" he said.

"Dame, that is a shame you'll have no one to annoy" I replied, wait am I flirting with this guy.

"I know" he said then we both started laughing. But just before we stopped cleo and the girls walked into there room sending me daggers.

"I don't think those girls like you very much, what did you do to make them so mad" cole asked turning back around to face me.

"It's a long story" I told him.

"Well maybe one day I'll have the pleasure of hearing it"

"Trust me you don't want to" I told him

"Charlotte, were going to be late for home room" Lewis called out as he walked up beside me. "Oh hello" Lewis said once he spotted cole.

"Oh Lewis this is cole hunter, and Cole this is Lewis McCartney" I said introducing them.

"How do ya do" Cole said going to shake Lewis hand but Lewis didn't take it, that's unlike Lewis.

"Nice to meet you, and Charlotte we have five minutes to get to class"

"Oh I'm sorry mate, I didn't mean to keep your girlfriend from you" cole apologised to us.

"We're not together" Lewis and I said in unison.

"I mean we were but that's complicated, but anyway we need to get to class" I kind of shouted at cole, I'm such an idiot around him.

"See you around Charlotte Watsford" he called out after me as I walked of with Lewis.

"Don't run into any other girls Cole Hunter" I shouted back to him as he made his way to his class.

I then turned to face Lewis who gave me a concerned look.

"Don't run into any other girls, what does that mean" Lewis said.

"Nothing, why what does it matter to you" I asked him.

"It doesn't, let's just get to class" Lewis retorted.

"So are you and cleo back together" I asked him.

"Why what's it matter to you" he said mimicking me and gave me a smirk.

I hit Lewis on the arm and gave him my best pissed of look while trying not to smile but I failed.

"Ouch, but yes cleo and I are back together" Lewis replied with a smile.

"I'm so happy for you, well not happy, happy but I know that you love cleo and I just want YOU to be happy" I told Lewis with my best fake smile, but the truth was even though I said that I was fine with him moving on it still hurts.

"Thanks Charlotte" Lewis said with a smile.

"I just hope one day I can find that to" I told Lewis and he answered with a smile.

Who knows maybe it will be with a tale British guy with a hot name like cole.

But I can't get into anything now not while I'm carrying another mans child and especially if were both teenagers, I suppose love will just have to wait.

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><p>so what did you think of this chapter please let me know please review thanks again lovelies :)

13. magic in the air

So I hope everyone had a great christmas and new years , here is the next chapter please tell me what you think and thaks for all the reviews enjoy

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

"Hello love, I hoped I'd find you sooner or later" Cole said, as he sat across from me at my booth in the juice net.

I looked up at him a little taken back that he had just made himself welcome, not that I was complaining about him being here I rather enjoy his company.

"Um, hello" I said not knowing what else to say.

"So what are we having, I'm starving" Cole asked, grabbing a menu from the centre of the table.

"Well I... I have already ordered and to be honest I wasn't exactly expecting company" I kind of mumbled to him.

"That's fine I'll just have whatever your having" Cole replied, as he put his menu back and motioned over a waiter, who thankfully wasn't

Emma or Ash then he asked the waiter for what I ordered saying he will have what I had.

I let out a laugh not knowing what else to do in this situation, here I was just out for some lunch because the baby was finally letting me eat, and then in walks Cole and makes himself comfortable.

"You don't even know what I've ordered" I said with a shy laugh.

"I'm sure I will love whatever it is" Cole replied with a smile. "So just for arguments sake what did you order"

I let out a laugh before saying. "you will just have to wait and see"

Oh great I was flirting with him again, I can not fall for this guy I just can't.

"Come on don't be like that" Cole said teasingly.

"Hey I'm not the one who ordered something without knowing what it was" I replied, trying my best to stay serious but failing miserably.

Cole gave me a look and before I knew it we were having a stare off, that was until we both started bursting out laughing.

"So why did you hope to see me" I asked while trying to catch my breath.

"Why do you need to ask love, don't you enjoy my company" Cole asked me with a pout.

"No I do enjoy your company I just well, was wondering why you were looking for me that's all" I told him.

Nobody has even actually wanted to see me because they want to, and ever since I got pregnant the only person I have felt comfortable around and who actually hung out with me was Lewis, and I didn't want to risk hanging out with new people while I was pregnant enough people knew already and I didn't want that list to grow.

"I enjoy your company, and I haven't really seen you around school since the first day, it's now thursday and I haven't seen the lovely Charlotte Watsford, who thinks my name is hot" Cole stated.

"I really am never going to live that down am I" I asked.

I can literally feel my cheeks turning red.

Cole then let out a laugh. "Never"

"So you thought the only way to get my attention was to crash my after school pigout session, instead of finding me at school at the same place I sit at every lunch"

"Pretty much" Cole said.

"Well what fun is an afternoon pigout session without someone to

pigout with you"

"That's the sprit love, again what is it we are actually having" Cole asked.

But he didn't need ask because just at that minute the waiter came over with our food. I got 1 large bowl of chips with chicken salt and gravy, a chocolate thickshake and last but not least a big piece of mudcake.

"Well I like a girl who isn't afraid to eat" was all that Cole said to my pregnancy induced feast.

"Is that supposed to be a complement" I asked raising an eyebrow.

"Um a compliment" he said as he started to eat a chip.

"I still don't know how to take that, so I'm just going to eat my chips"

A bowl of chips and half a mudcake later I had learned that Cole was an only child who had a knack for talking way to much, and had just moved back to Australia after living in London since he was two, him and his family had come back for his last year of school and for his fathers job.

"And what about you miss Charlotte Watsford, what is your life's story" Cole asked.

That was a hard question to answer seeing as it involved being the granddaughter of a mermaid, growing up without a father, becoming a mermaid, unbecoming a mermaid and carrying the child of my ex boyfriend who is cruelty dating a mermaid, who I tried to take her powers away and who is friends with a psychopathic mermaid who tried to kill my baby.

"My life is rather uneventful,quite boring actually"

"I hardly believe that's true" Cole said.

"Well what do you want me to say, that I used to have magical powers that were taken from me but I got them back because I redeemed myself in ways that proved I was worthy of possessing them in the first place"I asked.

I suppose telling the semi truth may seem just crazy enough not to be true.

Cole then laughed at me before finishing the rest of his thickshake off.

"You've got a sense of hummer miss Watsford" Cole said with another laugh.

"Ha, yeah that's what they call me Charlotte the jokester" I mumbled out with a pitiful laugh.

Cole then started laughing again until he looked over at the entrance of the juice net where three people just entered.

"Don't look know love, but it seems your friends are here" Cole informed me motioning over to the other side of the juicenet where Cleo, Rikki and Emma had just walked in.

Oh great, as each one of them walked to there booth they all gave me the evil eye, before they sat down and ordered there drinks.

"They really don't like you, do they love" Cole asked me.

"No they don't" I replied as I looked over to were they sat then back at Cole.

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><p>Cleo's POV<p>

"Of coarse she is here" Rikki yelled across the booth to me.

"Rikki, it's a free country she can be here if she wants to" Emma told Rikki.

Though I had agreed to be civil to Charlotte it didn't mean that I wanted to see her everywhere I went, seeing her at school was enough.

"Em I have to agree I'm not happy she is here ethier" I told my friend.

"I know but you agreed to be civil with her and she's not hurting anyone she is just having afternoon tea with the new kid" Emma said.

"How does she even know him, and why is someone that cute even talking to Charlotte" Rikki whined to Emma and I.

"Rikki keep your voice down" I said

"I don't know maybe he likes her" Emma said.

"How on earth can anyone like her, and I bet he won't like her as much once he finds out she preg.." Rikki tried to say before she was interrupted by Emma.

"And you aren't going to be the one to tell him, Cleo promised that we wouldn't tell anyone she was pregnant and that no harm was to come to her or the baby for now Charlotte is off limits"

"You know I really am starting to hate this stupid promise of yours" Rikki spat back at me.

"I didn't agree to it because of her it's because of Lewis that I made this deal" I reminded Rikki.

She really can be a little to hot headed at times.

"Fine" Rikki said a little to compliantly, what was she up to.

Soon I saw a smile cross Rikki's face as her eyes fell on where Charlotte was sitting and her hands began to make a slow fist

movement, oh no.

I looked over at Charlotte's table where I saw her thick shake begin to bubble and melt.

I hit Rikki on the arm and screamed "Rikki what the hell are you doing"

She faced me and gave me a smile. "You said we couldn't hurt her you said nothing about having a little fun"

"Rikki, anyone could have seen that and not mention she is sitting with someone who doesn't know about mermaids or magic" Emma yelled at Rikki.

"Oh come on it's not like he would suspect magic is involved" Rikki said annoyed.

"Well you don't know that" I chimed in.

"It was just a little fun"

"Yeah well, from now on there is no using your powers on or around Charlotte understand" I told Rikki.

"Fine I understand" Rikki yelled at me.

We all then looked over to Charlotte who gave me a look of disappointment, like she has the right to look at me like that she is seventeen and pregnant not to mention it's my boyfriend's child she is carrying and she has the right to look at me like that, I can see now why Rikki is causing trouble.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

"Whoah what the hell is happening to your drink" Cole asked with a surprised look on his face.

I looked at my thick shake only to find that it was bubbling and starting to melt until it eventually disappeared.

Rikki, I look over to her to see a smile on her face I then turned to Cleo who only gives me a shrug, but I can see Emma is getting angry at Rikki she was always the one who actually tried to get along with me though I have to say I didn't make it easy for her.

"Woah that's weird, it probably has something to do with the temperature in here or something" I said trying to shrug it off, it's not like I could tell him a mermaid who hates my guts did it.

"Really because you don't seem that fazed by it" Cole asked.

Great that's just what I need him getting suspicious.

"I guess it just takes a lot to surprise me" I told him.

"Obviously" I heard Cole say, but I wasn't paying attention to what

he was saying I had my eyes on the girls.

"Why do they hate you so much" Cole asked me.

I stopped looking at the girls and answered Coles question.

"Like I said it's a long story, but short version I dated the brunettes boyfriend remember Lewis who I introduced you, anyway they were still really close friends when I started to date him and so to make him happy and so I could make more friends here I started to hang out with them but they still didn't accept me, and Well I didn't take there rejection well and I threatened cleo then Lewis dumped me for cleo and we just haven't got on since" I told Cole.

Well I didn't lie to him I just left out a few details like the fact I'm pregnant and used to be a mermaid.

"Ok if that's the short version I don't know if I want to hear the long one" Cole said with a laugh.

"Yeah well trust me you don't" I informed him.

"But if cleo got Lewis back then why does she still hate you" he asked.

"Well let's just say there is more to the story than I'm telling you, though at one point we almost resolved our issue then well something happened and well she still hates me"

"I understand, but what I don't get is why the other two don't like you" Cole asked, man he wasn't going to let this go.

"Well you see the one with the curly blond hair in the red and black shirt, her and I just clashed though she has got a bit of a temper on her as well you could say she is a bit of a hot head, and the other blond she just follows the other two she was actually the only one of them who tried to accept me but well I take the fault for ruining that but we are still civil towards each other unlike the other two" I informed him.

"Wow, it seems like they didn't give you a fair go anyway just because you were dating Lewis, and why did he dump you in the first place"

"Wow you have a lot of questions I feel like I'm under interrogation" I said with a laugh.

"Yeah well I just want to get to know you" he replied.

I smiled at him and I think I was blushing as well, no one has ever wanted to know me.

"Um well Lewis still had a thing for cleo when he started dating me and even though cleo broke up with him I think she regretted it the moment she let him go. But I kind of led him into her arms, I don't really want to get into it though" I told Cole.

"I respect that if you don't want to tell me you don't have to, but one day I will get to know you" Cole said with a smile.

He then got up to go pay for his food. And all I could think about as he walked up to Alfred at the counter was that I think I am starting to like this guy like really like him, well that and how hot his butt looked as he walked away.

No Charlotte you can't fall for this guy, your pregnant with a baby who has mermaid powers and not to mention it's Lewis's who is with another girl and who has two mermaid friends and one that wants to hurt me, my life is just to messy I can't get involved with Cole I just can't.

Oh crap he's coming back.

"I payed for your food to I hopes that's ok"

"You didn't have to do that Cole"

"Yeah well I wanted to, and I know that it's none of my business but Lewis is a bloody idiot for letting you go because if I had you Charlotte watsford I would never let you go" Cole said, looking into my eyes the entire time before he walked away leaving me sitting there gobsmacked and staring like a fool as he walked away, and in my trance I could see cleo and the girls getting served there drinks.

Then there drinks suddenly knocked over spilling all over them, oh no this can't be good but hey I'm not there friend and I'm not a mermaid anymore I don't have to help them.

No Charlotte you have changed you have to help them even if they don't want you to, but before just before I went to help them I turned to see Cole at the exit of the juice net with a amused smile on his face before he looked at me and winked.

Okay why did he do that, wait that doesn't matter I have to help the girls. I walked over to the waiter to distract him and let the girls run out of there booth and on to the jetty.

"I am so sorry" the waiter cried out at the girls as they started to bolt out of the juice net.

"Don't worry about it they will be fine just let them go" I said as I grabbed him to let them leave quicker.

After I had distracted the waiter long enough I ran after them, I had just made it outside when I saw them dive in the water and swim off.

Well that could have been bad, but at least I had a nice afternoon with Cole until they showed up, but even though I had fun with him there is just one Problem now I think I'm starting to fall for Cole, great I meat a guy after I get pregnant I'm starting to feel like Jennifer Lopez in the back up plan, though I'm pretty sure she wasn't a teenager who's having a mermaid baby.

"Hey Charlotte have you seen cleo" I heard Lewis call out as he made his way over to me.

"You just missed her"

if only he knew the things I go through for him

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><p>so tell me what you think i hope you liked it please review
thanks loviess :)<p>

14. It was magic

**Thank you to all who have reviewed and finally here is the next
chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte. Please remember to
review.**

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><p>Lewis POV<p>

"Hey Charlotte. Have you seen Cleo?" I called out as I spotted
Charlotte and made my way over to her.

She gave me a smile, and I don't know why, but
it gave me butterflies.

"You just missed her" Charlotte said, once I reached her.

"Really, she told me to meet her and the girls here after school. Why
would they leave?" I asked, confused by the fact that she would just
leave.

"Well...there was an accident and they got water on them," Charlotte
informed me.

"What? Are they OK? Did anyone see them?" I asked without taking a
breath.

No wonder they left. They wouldn't risk getting exposed just so they
could wait up for me.

"Don't worry they're fine. They got out just in time. I tried to help
by distracting the waiter. I assume that they would be at Mako by
now," Charlotte informed me.

"Thanks Charlotte. Well, I guess I better go check up on them" I said
with a smile, while making my way to the dock where my boat was
docked.

Charlotte then began to follow me towards my boat, which I assumed
meant she wanted to talk some more.

"Your welcome, I'm glad I could be of some assistance" she replied
with a smile.

After hopping into my boat, I could sense that Charlotte wanted to
tell me something else but was holding it back.

"What is it Charlotte?" I asked, while Charlotte fiddled with her
hair.

"Oh, um. I just wanted to remind you that our next ultrasound appointment is coming up it's next week on Thursday at three thirty, after school finishes. And for your sake, I'd get there a little earlier than last time unless you want to face the wrath of my mother," Charlotte said with a smile and a laugh.

I looked up at her and gave her a laugh before replying.

"I'll be there an hour before if it means I won't have to face the wrath of Annette."

Charlotte gave me a smile. "I think that would be best."

We then caught each other's gaze and were silent for a moment, that was before Charlotte snapped us out of our trance.

"Well um. You better go see if Cleo and the girls are OK, and um I'll see you at school and don't forget about the appointment, well uh bye." Charlotte stuttered, before giving me a wave and leaving.

I sat in my boat a little while longer after Charlotte left before letting out a delayed "Bye".

I then started the boat and made my way over to Mako.

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><p>"I'm telling you those drinks didn't fall over because some stupid waiter was incompetent, it was magic I know it" I heard Rikki yell as I made my way into the moon pool.<p>

Emma and Rikki were still in the pool, while Cleo had dried off and was sitting next to the moon pool, with her knees tucked under her arms.

"Wow 'incompetent'! That's a rather big word for you Rikki," Emma chuckled, provoking Rikki.

"It's not funny Emma. Someone made those drinks fall on us and it wasn't the waiter, someone used magic," Rikki yelled.

"Magic!" I interjected, making myself known to the girls.

"Lewis!" Cleo beamed.

As she stood up to give me a kiss but then pulled away and just gave me a hug instead.

Ever since we had gotten back together after she found out that Char was pregnant, things had gone back to normal but they weren't entirely the same. And even though Cleo had come to terms with me being the father to Charlotte's child, she still wasn't happy about it. So when we got back together, we haven't been as close as we were before, but I'm OK with that. I know that Cleo still needs time to fully come to terms with the whole situation.

We then pulled away from each other, and sat down on the floor of the moon pool to join Emma and Rikki's argument.

"So, you said something about magic" I repeated.

"Yes. Rikki has this delusional idea that someone used magic to spill water on us, which I think is complete rubbish" Emma informed me, before facing an angry looking Rikki.

"Oh yeah, Charlotte told me what happened. I'm glad you all got out of there in time," I said.

"CHARLOTTE!" Rikki yelled.

"Yeah, I bumped into her outside the Juice Net. she told me about what happened, that's how I knew you would be here" I exclaimed.

"Of course she did, I bet she is the one behind it," Rikki spat back at me.

"Don't be ridiculous Rikki. Charlotte doesn't have powers anymore you know that," Emma told Rikki.

I secretly held my breath. Charlotte does have her powers. What if she was the one that did that to them in the first place.

"How do you know Emma? Have you asked her recently," Rikki replied.

"Well no but, you pretty much tried to barbecue her and if she had her powers don't you think she would have fought back? I mean it's not like Charlotte would not use her powers in a fight if she had them," Emma stated.

If only she knew. But she has a point though. Why do that to them now if she had no reason to? Maybe it was just the waiters fault. I mean from what Char said, he seemed to think so. But I better justify Emma's case just so Rikki doesn't suspect that she actually still has her powers.

"Emma has a point. When she had her powers, she would use them whenever she had the chance. So if she still had them she would have fought back when you tried to kill my baby," I started to calmly say but anger started to take over, and by the end of making my point I was yelling at Rikki because I still wasn't over what she did to Charlotte and my kid.

All of the girls stared at me shocked, because I usually don't lose my temper but when it comes to my family and Cleo, well let's just say I can lose my cool sometimes.

"See," Emma said, to ease the tension and prove her point.

Rikki glared at me while Cleo looked at me with hurt written across her face. I guess that it will take more time than I thought to fix us and deal with the affect my baby will have on her and the rest of the girls.

"When I talked to her I went to use my powers on her and she didn't do anything" Cleo stated. Finally including herself in the conversation.

Well at least she believes that Charlotte didn't do this.

"See Rikki, it's three against one, it wasn't Charlotte. Like I said before, she lost her tail and her powers with it. It was just an accident. I'm sure Gus didn't mean to," Emma explained.

"Gus?" Rikki asked.

"Yeah, the waiter who served us. He's new. In a way we're lucky it was us and not someone else. He could have gotten into a bit of trouble if it was anyone else," Emma replied.

"Whatever I still think it was magic, but for now I will let Charlotte of the hook but that doesn't mean I still won't be watching her," Rikki said.

"Yes it does. You will leave Charlotte and my child alone after what you did. I don't want you anywhere near her unless you can't avoid it," I told Rikki.

She gave me a glare before shrugging and saying "Fine" through her teeth.

After that they stopped talking about Charlotte and the incident, and the conversation veered off onto the girls organizing to go see a new movie Percy Jackson I think, that turned into Emma and Rikki fighting over whose boyfriend was better.

I took Cleo's hand in mine as with both listened to Emma and Rikki argue. And even though she didn't say it, I could tell that Cleo was still upset over what I said to Rikki and the fact that I want to protect Charlotte, but I can't help it. If keeping Rikki at bay is what I have to do then I will do it.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

It was a nice day so I decided that I would take my sketch pad down to the beach, because I find the sea so relaxing and it helps me draw. I also came down so I could have some peace and quiet from Mum, whose been very protective of me lately and feeding me healthy organic food, not that I'm complaining. I mean at least I'm eating healthy now but I'm pregnant so I have cravings, and recently, all I've been wanting is sugar.

Just as I'm finishing a drawing of a turtle, I see a blanket being placed beside me out of the corner of my eye.

"Hello love, I'm bloody starving what about you," Cole said as he placed the blanket down and made himself comfortable.

I let out a laugh and moved myself onto the blanket where Cole had begun to pull out a bottle of coke from his picnic bag of goodies and in non-traditional picnic style grey paper that held fish and chips covered with chicken salt. Well I did say I wanted some sugar. And I don't mean the soft drink

"You know you have a habit of making yourself at home," I told him.

"Aww, but that's why you love me," he replied with a smile as He ate

a chip.

I just had to laugh. Since our lunch at the Juice Net, Cole and I had been hanging out a lot and I mean a LOT. We didn't go a day without seeing each other and if we did, then we would call each other.

An example of this was three weeks ago when I had my ultrasound, which thankfully Lewis showed up early for and didn't have to face the wrath of my mother. I was in the middle of the ultrasound when he called me, just as Belle was showing me that my child was the perfect size and nothing was abnormal. She was not impressed and neither was Lewis for some unknown reason. I had to lie my ass off when I told him what I was doing before I had to hang up on him.

Since then I'm not allowed to take my phone into my appointments anymore, but that didn't mean that I wasn't interested in the well being of my baby. I did ask about everything I needed to know like, that I should be showing now and that I will be able to feel the baby kick now. Which means I probably should end this friendship but I have never really had a friend and I don't want to end our friendship. It also doesn't help that Cole is extremely attractive and my hormones are going crazy at the moment.

"Yep, that's it," I said sarcastically.

We then continued our witty banter until all our chips were gone and I had pretty much finished off the coke Cole had brought, which I noticed he didn't touch. Then, he spotted my drawing of my turtle.

"I didn't know you were that good a drawer Watsford?" Cole stated, as he stole my sketch pad from me.

"It's not that good", I replied shyly.

I don't know what it is but when ever it comes to my drawings, I'm very critical of them even when others say they're good, I don't believe them. I suppose it's true what they say, "An artist's biggest critic is themselves".

"Are you kidding, your bloody Leonardo da Vinci!" Cole exclaimed.

I let out another laugh.

"I'm surprised you even know who he is," I chuckled.

"Well I did live in London which is basically a train ride away from Paris France. And I've been to the Louvre, I have seen the lady without eyebrows," Cole informed me.

"It's the Mona Lisa you idiot!" I said as I pushed him for being an idiot.

He gave me a cheeky grin before taking my hand in his, we looked into each other's eyes and I could feel butterflies in my stomach. Then Cole leaned forward and cupped my face in his hands before placing his lips on mine and instantly I leaned into the kiss, letting it take over me. That was before my brain woke up and was yelling at me to pull away.

I pulled away then got up as quick as I could grabbing my sketch pad my bag and shoes before I ran away, hearing Cole yell after me.

I reached my car out of breath before I struggled to get my keys out of my bag because my hands were shaking after the kiss. I Finally got my keys and started my bug before racing home.

I can't believe Cole just kissed me.

Me. Out of all the girls on the Gold Coast, and I kissed him back. And I stopped it. Why would I stop the hot British guy from kissing me? Um, I know maybe because I'm carrying Lewis's baby!

Now what I just lost my best friend, who am I kidding my only friend. What am I going to do?

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><p>"Mum. I'm home!" I yelled out once I walked through my front door.<p>

But no one answered.

"Mum. Hello?"

But no one answered again, so I made my way up stairs and into my room, not even looking as I closed the door behind me and placed my sketch book on my desk.

"Charlotte." I heard a voice call out from my bed.

I jumped around to see Cole sitting on my bed.

"You gave me a bloody heart attack!" I exclaimed as I clutched my chest from the fright.

"How did you even get in my room? For that matter how did you get here before me?" I asked.

As I still stood leaning against my desk.

"It doesn't matter. But Charlotte we need to talk", Cole said.

Oh great. it's never a good thing when someone says that.

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><p>So what did you think Cole and Charlotte kissed tell me what you would like to see happen next and please don't forget to review thanks again lovely's :)

15. It cant happen

**First off i would like to thank everyone of you who have reviewed and are following my story and please tell me what you think of this chapter :). Secondly I would like to point out following a review I have received, that if I in anyway have been bashing Cleo,Emma and Rikki, it is not intentional and i really didn't think I was, the only reason they could be over the top in some chapters is for the

drama. I also want to point out that I in no way am offended by this review everyone is entitled to their opinion and i respect yours :) i just thought I would let you all know if i was in anyway doing that it is unintentional and i did not mean to do it. **

Okay now with that out of the way, here is the next chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte, I hope you like it and please remember to read and review.

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><p>Cole's POV

"How did you even get in my room? For that matter how did you get here before me?" Charlotte asked.

Well I swam here but I can't very well tell her that. How could I, and she is avoiding my question.

"It doesn't matter. But Charlotte we need to talk," I said.

"I get the feeling, your not going to tell me you bought a puppy then," Charlotte said with a laugh.

What!

"What!" I asked in confusion.

"It's an inside joke really. It's just when someone's say's that, they generally don't say anything good after it hence. Why I don't get th..."

"Charlotte stop avoiding the subject!" I semi yelled at her, well more like turning the volume up because I don't yell. Well unless I need to.

Charlotte clutched the desk she was leaning on, before placing a protective had on her stomach. Huh that's a little odd.

She then rolled her eyes before admitting defeat. YES!

"Fine. What is it we need to talk about?" Charlotte asked and sighed.

"What do you think I want to talk about? Love?" I asked, making my way over to where Charlotte stood.

I could see Charlotte starting to get flustered as I stood closer to her.

"Um..uh..the kiss," Charlotte stuttered.

There's something here, unless I'm imagining it. If there wasn't, why would she be like this.

"And why do you think that is" I asked.

Stepping even closer to Her, Invading her personal space.

"Because you want us to be more than friends is that it" Charlotte

exclaimed, looking up at me while keeping eye contact the whole time.

"Yes," I said as I stared into her deep brown eyes, mesmerized by her.

I then lent closer towards her face. My heart racing and my breath quickening as my lips neared hers.

I could hear her breath quickening as well.

"No Cole! We can't! I can't, I just can't," Charlotte informed me, gaining back her composure now, and pushing me away from her before walking over to her bed, trying to get distance between us.

"Why? Why not?" I asked her annoyed as to why this couldn't happen.

"Because, you don't understand. I just can't!" Charlotte yelled back at me.

"No I don't understand. So why don't you tell me. Because, like you said, I really don't understand," I yelled back at her.

Tears began to fill her eyes, and I started to feel like an asshole for making her cry.

"You..don't...understand!" she cried. She then used her hands to cover face and I saw tears falling from her eyes.

I slowly made my way over to her and wrapped my arms around her and let her rest her head on my chest.

"I'm sorry," I apologized, as I rested my chin on her head.

This is more than just being friends, I know it, but if that's all I can be for her then that's what I'll be.

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><p>Lewis's POV

"Rikki is still going on about those stupid drinks falling on us," Cleo complained on the other end of the phone.

"Why won't she let it go. It's been three weeks, and you all got away. So what's her deal" I ask Cleo.

"I have no idea. She is adamant that it was on purpose, and that magic is behind it."

That girl just doesn't quit. But she does have a point, it could have been magic.

"Well, if she wants to waste her breath on something so stupid, let her. I mean, you already told her that it couldn't possibly be magic. And both you and Emma don't think it was, so just tell her that if she doesn't stop then you will give her something to complain about," I said.

Cleo then let out a laugh.

"Like what?" Cleo asked, with a cheeky tone.

"I don't know. Maybe you could accidentally throw a water ball at her, or have Emma freeze her mouth shut so she will stop harassing you!" I laughed.

Cleo then burst out laughing before Kim intervened.

"Kim. Get out of my room!" she yelled.

I heard a distinct mumble before a loud thud followed.

"Cleo!" I asked concerned.

Before I heard a distant "DAD" being yelled. Which was then followed by a "CLEO!"

"Sorry Lewis I have to go," Cleo moaned.

"That's ok," I replied.

"I'll call you tomorrow," she reassured me.

"Ok Cleo. I love you."

Then the line went dead.

I don't know what else I was expecting, I mean in the four weeks since we had been back together every time I said goodbye I would end it with I love you. But I would never hear it back, she would either leave suddenly after I'd say it, or if we were on the phone she would simply hang up.

I know she loves me. But since our break, she just hasn't been able to say it back. I mean we are intimate with each other and we do love each other, but I think she needs time to heal more before she can say those words again.

And I think she is still a little angry about how I treated Rikki at the moon pool the last time I was there. But she was blaming Charlotte for what happened, and even though I of course defended Charlotte, a little piece of me still wonders if she actual did do it.

I mean, I know she said she helped them but maybe she did it in the first place. She is the only other person who knows about them, with powers. Maybe I should ask her.

Her house is that far from my place, and I could check up on how Jellyfish is doing. Though I think she will be reluctant to talk about the baby after I accuse her of almost exposing the girls.

Well I'm going to go anyway. I mean, I can decide when I get there which question I will ask her.

So I got in my car and headed to Charlotte's.

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><p>Charlotte's POV

I sat crying in Cole's arms, resting my head on his chest, while his chin rested gently on my head. Why does this feel so good? why do I have to give this up?

It just feels so right. I mean, we get along, we have the same interests and he makes me laugh and we have fun. I never know what's going to happen next with him, and he likes me.

I honestly don't know how this hot, tall, toned, British guy can like me. Me.

I mean, I am starting to show now, I'm bigger then most girls already though I wouldn't call myself fat. But he still likes me even though I am really emotional at the moment, yesterday I started crying because I accidentally killed a butterfly while driving. A butterfly.

If I wasn't pregnant ,this could happen. But I am so this thing, this connection between us, can't happen.

I finally pulled myself away from Cole, and made my way over to my bedroom door, and decided it was time to tell him why this couldn't happen.

"Cole, I like you," I told him.

He then gave me a smile that melted my heart, so warm, caring and full of affection.

"I like you too," he replied.

"But..." I said.

"But," he repeated, as his face began to fall.

"But. I can't be with you, and I can't tell you why. But I just need you to know that I do really want to be with you. I just ..."

"Can't," he sighed, finishing my sentence for me as he stood up and made his way over to where I stood.

"I'm sorry" I managed to say while being totally distracted by how close he was to me.

"I know I'm not going to get an answer, but I'm going to ask you one more time, and maybe this time the answer will change. Charlotte, why can't you be with me?"

The sadness in his voice made me want to spill everything, about Lewis and the baby and I almost did.

"Because..."

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

I sighed at the sound of the knocking at the door, and turned away

from Cole and made my way down stairs to open the door, leaving Cole alone in my bedroom.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Came from the door again.

"I'm coming," I said to whoever was outside, before opening it.

"Lewis!" I said surprised.

"Hey Charlotte," he replied.

"What, what are you doing here?" I asked.

"No reason, I just wanted to check in see how you were doing," he said.

"Um, I'm fine," I replied a little confused that he would come all the way over here just to ask how I was doing. I mean, he could have called.

"Can I come in?" he asked.

Oh god, what do I do?

"Ummm," I sighed.

"Don't you want me to come inside. Have you got someone over or something?" Lewis scoffed.

I just stood there ,not knowing what to say until I heard a voice behind me.

"Yes actually. She does," Cole said, as he made his way down the stairs and stood behind me.

Lewis then shot him a pissed off look before turning his attention back on me.

"Charlotte, can I talk to you outside for a second?" Lewis asked me, irritation clear in his voice.

I then turned around to face Cole, who gave me a look as if to say don't go, but I ignored it.

"Sure," I said.

I then began to walk out the door but not before telling Cole that I would be back.

I then closed the door behind me and made my way over to where Lewis's car was parked in my driveway.

"So what is it you want to talk about?" I asked Lewis.

His face then turned a little angry.

"Did you do it?" he asked.

"What?" I asked confused.

"Did. You. Do. It? " Lewis repeated.

"Do what Lewis, you're confusing me," I asked annoyed.

He then stepped closer to me and began to whisper. "Did you use our child's powers to expose the girls?"

"WHAT!?" I practically screamed at him. "No you idiot, why would I do that?"

"To get back at Rikki for what she did to you, I don't know, you have lots of reasons!" Lewis exclaimed.

"Lewis you better shut up before I use them on you!" I yelled through my teeth.

"I sorry I had to ask," Lewis stated.

"Yeah well you could have asked me like a normal person, instead of instantly thinking it was me. And why would you ask me anyway? I helped them get out of there, and it was an accident. Plus, this happened three weeks ago so why are you bringing it up now?!" I yelled at him.

"I'm sorry Charlotte, I didn't mean to be such an asshole about it, the only reason I bring it up is because Rikki is adamant that someone used magic to spill the water on them," Lewis tried to reason with me.

"Ok A: from I saw it was an accident. B: why is she blaming me for it? She doesn't know I still have my powers. And C: I have no reasons to do that to them, I tried to help them and I am trying to be a better person for my child. So why would I do something to petty and stupid as to spill water on them. Oh and another thing, if I didn't use them to protect myself when she burnt me, then why would I use them to spill a little water on them? And Why are you here questioning me instead of sticking up for me?!" I exclaimed.

"No, I did stand up for you," Lewis insisted.

"Then why are you here accusing me of doing it?" I asked confused, with some of the anger subsiding.

"I don't know," Lewis said unsure of himself. "I wasn't going to but then I saw Cole and... Never mind. I'm sorry I accused you."

"Apology, accepted for now," I informed him.

"Thanks," Lewis sighed as he hopped into his car and winced the window down, a little out of sorts.

"Lewis, are you okay?" I asked concerned.

He started his car up before saying, "Yeah, I'm fine," with not much enthusiasm.

"Are you sure?" I asked.

"Yeah. And again I'm really sorry Charlotte," Lewis apologized before reversing out of the driveway and driving up the street and out of view.

Okay, that was a little weird and intense. God, I'm dealing with too much drama today what with Cole and now Lewis.

I'm starting to think they're more hormonal than me, and I'm pregnant for God's sake!

I made my way back inside, shutting the door behind me as I entered before leaning against it and shutting my eyes, once it had clicked shut.

"It's Lewis, isn't it?" Cole asked.

I opened my eyes to see him right in front of me, not five inches from where I stood.

"What?" I asked.

"Lewis. He's the reason you can't be with me. Because you're still in love with him," Cole exclaimed.

"No. No, I'm not still in love with him. I mean yeah I was but I knew that we couldn't be anything so I let him go" I explained.

"Then what is it Charlotte? Why can't you be with me? If you're not in love with Lewis, then what is it?" Cole pleaded. In seeing the desperate look in his eyes, I couldn't take it anymore.

"I CAN'T GET MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN, ALRIGHT!" I yelled at him.

Cole took a step back, completely caught off guard by my outburst, before moving closer to me.

Then the tears started to come again.

"Lewis broke my heart. I loved him and he left me. And no matter how many times I tell myself it was my fault, that I pushed him away, it still hurts. I loved him and now I'm afraid, I'm afraid that if I let anyone else in they are just going to break my heart again, and there is only one person I know who isn't going to do that to me. That's the reason, I'm afraid, afraid of getting my heart broken again!" I uttered through fits of sobs.

Cole then stared at me, and I didn't know what he was going to do.

Then his hands quickly cupped my face and he kissed me. And I kissed him back, I was tired of holding back what I felt for him. And not because I was pregnant, though that did play a major factor, but because what I just told him was really the reason I couldn't let myself be with him.

Though Lewis and I are on friendly terms and are having a baby together, and have had our weak moments of intimacy, I can't deny it any longer.

Lewis McCartney broke my heart, and even though I was kind of the reason for that break up, we could have fixed things but we didn't, he didn't even try. But now I have to move on and let someone in, who I only hope won't make the same mistake as he did.

We then pulled away from the kiss, tears still staining my cheeks, as I looked into Cole's eyes as he held my face in his hands.

"I told you, Lewis is a bloody idiot for letting you go. Because if I had you Charlotte Watsford, I would never let you go, and I am never going to."

I let out a pathetic laugh that was half joy, half I was still crying. Then I wrapped my arms around Cole's neck as I jumped onto him and wrapped my legs around his waist, then he pressed me against the door and I kissed him.

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><p>What will happen next. I hoped you like this chapter at tell me what you would like to see happen next so please don't forget to review, thanks again lovely's :)

16. love bites

**Hello my readers Im not dead and I haven't abandoned this story and have no intention to, sorry for making you all wait four months for this update, I had a major case of writers block, plus a new and unhealthy obsession with reading harry potter fics, I promise to not keep you waiting another four months for the next chapter. I think i have made you wait long enough, so without further adu here is the next chapter of the secret lies with Charlotte. please remember to review. **

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

"Ugh" I moaned as my legs wrapped themselves around Cole's waist. My back pressed against the front door of the house, and Cole's lips pressed against mine.

Each kiss more tender then the last, and more thought consuming, and insanely passionate.

Oh my god I am kissing Cole. I'm a crying blubbering mess and I'm kissing tall, hot and British Cole. And it feels good.

My figures tugging at his hair pulling him closer to me. If that was even possible, his hands wrapped around his my waist keeping me pinned to the door.

I don't know how it happened but I had pulled off his grey tight fitting shirt, that clung to his six pack. God there was really six of them.

Letting the hand that wasn't tangled in his hair, trace down his abb's. And I don't know if it had to do with the pregnancy or if I

just got caught up in the moment, but hands started to keep trailing down his stomach and towards his pants.

All the while never breaking the kiss.

That was until we could no longer breath and reluctantly pulled away. But that didn't stop Cole from letting his lips settle on my neck. Resulting in a rather embarrassing moan on my part.

Now that I'm blaming on hormones.

His lips then made there way towards jaw and back towards my lips nipping at them before pressing them against mine again. And I'm sure leaving a rather embarrassing love bite on my neck.

One of his hands making there way under my shirt and trailing up towards my bra and what lay beneath it.

I lent my head back against the the door and he worked his magic, trailing kisses down my neck.

We were on such a high that we almost didn't hear the sound of keys entering the door knob.

We both paused in shock turning to the door knob that was shaking. I quickly untangled my legs from around his waist, and let my feet hit the floor. Practically jumping away from the door.

Cole hand just put his shirt back on when my mum came through the door, with groceries in hand.

"Charlotte can you please come down and oh-", mum called out before lifting her head to find Cole and I not five feet away from where she stood.

"Uh hello Cole I didn't realize we had company" mum said, eyeing me with a confusion and surprise.

"Hello Mrs Watsford I was in the neighborhood and thought that I'd pop round and give Charlotte a visit" he stated, his bloody British accent making my knees even weaker, after that rather steamy and unexpected make out session.

"I see. Well nice seeing you again Cole. And Charlotte can you please get the rest of the groceries out the car for me" mum asked. While simultaneously saying we are going to talk when you have finished, with only the look in her eyes.

"Sure mum. Come on Cole" I said while making my way past mum to the door.

"Nice seeing you again mrs Watsford. See you later" Cole said on passing.

"Goodbye Cole" mum replied before making her way to the kitchen.

Once outside I slowly made my way over to the boot of my mums car, Cole trailing closely behind me.

Now what?.

What are we now. I was just making out with Cole, hard. If mum hadn't come home when she did, then this whole situation would be more complicated than it already is.

Just then I felt arms wrap around my waist from behind, making my heart flutter and my head go dizzy. Great this is just what I need right now.

I turn around to face Cole, his arms still firmly around my waist. I need to sort this out now.

"Cole" I whisper. This is crazy I have only known him for three and a half weeks. And now we are having hot make out sessions.

But then again as soon as I laid eyes on Lewis I was head over heels. And it took months for him to finally notice that I liked him. But with Cole, he likes me and let me know it. And as far as I'm aware he hasn't got any ex girlfriends that he is still in love with. And it just seems as easy as breathing, but it's not going to be easy is it I'm pregnant with another mans child for God sake.

But I want this. I really want this.

"Yeah, lottie" Cole whispered into my ear, his sexy British accent sending the hairs on the back on my neck up and a shiver running through me, as he used my nick name. One only he seems to use.

Screw it. I want him and so what if I'm pregnant we will cross that bridge when we come to it, it's time to take a dive into the deep end.

I look into his eyes and pull his face down to mine, crashing our lips together into a hot passionate kiss that takes my breath away.

I pull away and look into his smiling face.

"So, does this mean I'm never letting you go" he chuckles.

"Yes. Yes it does" I smile. I just hope that he means it.

I mean, I don't know how I would feel if I was in Cole shoes and found out that my girlfriend was pregnant with her ex's baby. Not to mention the fact that we are still in school and Whoa this has all gotten very real very fast.

"Good. Because I'm not going to" he assured me before pulling me into short but sweet kiss. "Well I should get going. I will see you tomorrow"

I gave me a quick peck on the cheek before retreating and walking down the down the street, as I made my way back inside.

So that was well. That was just um. It's crazy that's what it is.

Stupid Charlotte. Stupid, stupid Charlotte.

Lewis POV

What is wrong with me. Why did I just yell at Charlotte like that. I knew that she didn't do what Rikki accused her of, but I went ahead and blamed her anyway.

All I wanted to do was check on the baby and hang out with her for a little while, seeing as Cleo was having to deal with her sister and her dad getting up her. But then I saw Cole and I just snapped. I don't know what came over me.

There is something about that guy I just don't like. Like he's hiding something, I just don't know what it is.

That was still no excuse to go off at Charlotte though. Here I was accusing her of something she didn't do, and she asks if I'm okay, and forgives me. God what is wrong with me.

How about knocking up your ex girlfriend, then sleeping with said ex girlfriend who also happen's to be your girlfriends worst enemy, while you are still with your current girlfriend, then getting angry with your girlfriend because she is finding it hard to accept that you are Going to be a father to her enemies child. Have I left anything out, oh! maybe the fact that for some ridicules reason I'm jealous of the fact that Charlotte had Cole over her place.

Wait what am I saying. I'm not jealous of Cole, am I. No, no I'm not don't be an idiot Lewis.

I just need to talk to Cleo, and find out why she is being so distant. I'm pretty sure I know the reason but we need to talk about this, instead of her avoiding the subject all the time.

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><p>Knock, knock, knock.<p>

I stood outside Cleo's house waiting for someone to open the door. Not to late to back out Lewis.

The door then swung open revealing Kim. Okay to late.

"Hey Kim. Is Cleo home"

Kim then let out a snort and rolled her eyes at me. I really feel for cleo having a sister like Kim, and that's saying something seeing as I have four brothers, and none even come close to the devil incarnate that is Kim.

"CLEO, your geek of a boyfriend is here" she screamed up the stairs.

I stand by my previous statement of this girl.

"May I please come in or are you going to let me stand on your doorstep all day"

That granted me another eye roll, before Kim moved aside and let me through, before slamming the door shut behind her, and made her way into the lounge room to watch some documentary on tigers.

The distant sound of footsteps were heard before Cleo appeared on the staircase.

"Lewis" she beamed.

"Hey Cleo. Thought I'd pop over and um, I was wondering, that is would you mind if.." I stuttered. God why is this so hard.

"Lewis. Speak, like a normal person" she laughed.

I then made my way up the stairs to where she stood. "Can we talk in your room" I gestured towards her door.

A hesitant look appeared on her face, before she made her way over to her bedroom replying with a weary "okay".

I sat on her bed as she locked her palm tree covered door behind us.

"What is it Lewis. What is so important that you came over my place without warning and want to be alone" Cleo asked. Concerned and worried.

I may as well just come out and say it.

"Do you not love me anymore because of Charlotte and the baby" I blurt out.

"What" Cleo gapes.

"Are you not in love with me anymore because I got Charlotte pregnant" I reiterate. Looking up at her stunned and slightly annoyed face, from my spot on Her bed.

"Lewis why would you just come over here and ask me that" she practically shouts.

Maybe I could have been a little less blunt. But we need to talk about this and being forward is the only way.

"Well it's been four weeks since we got back together and whenever I say I love you, you change the subject, walk away from me, pretend you didn't hear me or hang up the phone. The same goes for when I mention the baby. I love you Cleo, but if you don't love me anymore or don't want to be with me. Then why did we get back together after our break"

Cleo's face drops, for a fraction of a second before it hardens, fixing me with a gaze that makes me feel like an ant under a microscope.

"You think I don't love you" she stats pain lacing every word. "Lewis you are such a bloody guy. Coming over my house unannounced, to accuse me of not loving you. Lewis you told me that you got a girl pregnant. But not just any girl Charlotte. I was upset and hurt and I needed time to process what this would mean for us. To process that the man I love got another girl pregnant. And I know it's been five weeks to get my head around it, but dammit Lewis what will I be when the baby's born what will happen with us. I can't tell you those

words again yet because I am still hurt"

"I guess I didn't think about that. I just thought that if I had you everything would be okay" I mumble in Shame.

I knew that my having a child would be big for Cleo, but she's right I didn't think about how it would affect her in the long run, I just needed her.

"Yeah, well it's not that simple is it Lewis. And I know that this happened before we got back together, but if we are going to be together for the foreseeable future, then this not only affects you, but me to" Cleo exclaimed.

A sigh of exhaustion escaped my lips.

"Your right Cleo. I haven't been thinking. I know this is big on you, you being my girlfriend and all. But your not the one who is about to become a parent in six months, and for once in my life I don't know what to do. I'm scared alright, and I don't think I could deal with losing you to. But I think that maybe it would be a good idea to talk about what is happening, instead of ignoring it when we have to face the fact that this isn't going to just go away, just like your not going to be able to touch water without sprouting a tail anytime soon"

Cleo just stared at me taken aback, that I had practically just broken down in front of her, and admitted that I didn't have all the answers. Something I don't admit all to often, or at all for that matter, besides how they became mermaids after all my research I have had to admit defeat and leave it down to one thing, magic.

I looked up to find Cleo kneeling down in front of me. Eyes fixed on mine, and looking as if she wasn't about to drop my gaze anytime soon.

"Lewis, this is still going to take me a while to get used to. Hell I don't know if I will ever be able to get used to it. But know this, I will be there with you every step of the way, if you need me I will be there, and I know that Charlotte is going to be apart of your life for a long time to come now, so if it means making you happy then I will attempted to become more civil with her. And try my best to keep Riki other leash" we both laughed at this statement.

Riki is still a bit of a wild card, and I still don't trust her around Charlotte or jellyfish. But if anyone can keep her in line it's Cleo.

"What I'm trying to say is, I'm here for you Lewis. And I don't intend on leaving, I know it's going to be hard and there's no telling what the future has in store, but if we can make it through this, than we can make through anything" she smiled reassuringly.

I then proceeded to wrap my arms around her waist and pull her into a warm embrace, that expressed everything I felt without actually having to say the words. But I did utter three, and there not the ones your thinking.

"Thank you Cleo" I whispered into the crook of her neck, the smell of her coconut scented hair, filling my senses.

After what felt like hours, but was actually about three minutes we Broke from the embrace.

"Hey, people do crazy things when there in love" she smiled with all the love and affection, that had been missing these last few weeks. Before kissing me, and helping me to my feet from my spot on the floor in front of her.

After promising to talk again tomorrow about our future and how the baby will fit into it, I decided it was about time I make my way back home. I gave Cleo a quick peck before making my way out her bedroom door.

"Hey Lewis" she called out, just as I placed my hand on the door knob.

"Yeah" I replied.

She gave my a heartwarming smile before saying. " I love you" my heart beat faster for a second like it was the first time she was saying those words.

"I love you too" I smiled back. "I love you too"

Charlotte's POV

As soon as I made it back inside with the groceries, I was greeted by my grinning mother as I placed them on the kitchen bench.

"What" I asked exasperated.

"Nothing" she smiled knowingly. "I don't want to know"

I raised an eyebrow at my suspicious mother. "what don't you want to know" I asked annoyed now. which didn't take much, it's true what they say about pregnancy it will make you go off like a fire cracker, or cry because you squished a bug. Or I don't say have to pull over on the side of the road because you hit a butterfly while you were driving, not that happened, that poor butterfly.

"Nothing" she smirked. My mother actually smirked.

"WHAT" I yelled out in frustration.

Mum just kept smirking at me. Nice pick on your pregnant daughter mum real mature.

"Can you please pass me my purse, it's where I always leave it" mum asked.

I gave mum a scowl before making my way over to table where mum leaves her keys and purse whenever she comes home from work. As I made my way over I glanced up at the large ornate mirror that hung just above the table. At first glance I didn't notice anything, but as I glanced up again I saw it, there clear as day was a love bite.

My face instantly reddened as I caught sight of it, smacking my hand to cover it, I could just feel my checks getting hotter by the

second, as I saw my mum come into very behind me that darned smirk still plastered on her face.

I gathered all the courage I could muster before turning to face her.

"You could have told me" I mumbled from sheer embarrassment.

"Now where would be the fun it that" she laughed.

Then as usual my stupid, stupid hormones kicked in, and I could feel a lump in my throat and my eyes grow moist.

"Aww Charlotte" my mum chuckled as she came to give me a hug. "Don't cry sweetheart, I was only teasing"

"I know" I whimpered, as I rubbed the tears from my eyes. "It's these stupid hormones"

"Ohh honey" mum cooed as she ran her hand through my hair, calming me down.

Once my stupid crying fit had ended I pulled my self out of my mothers embrace. And started to make my way up the stairs to my bed room, before I was halted half way there by my mothers voice.

"I know I said I don't want to know, and I don't. But if you are going to start a relationship with this boy, then you know you will have to tell him about the baby, I can already start to see the makings of a small bump, and trust me when I say by the end of next week, my grandchild is going to start making an appearance, and you won't have to tell him because he will figure it out" she warned me.

I nodded my head preferring to stay quiet, and in silent agreement. I begin my ascent up the stairs again, before I was yet again halted.

"And especially if that mark is anything to go by" mum teased.

I let out a groan in mortification, hearing my mums laughs fade in the distance as I made it into my room.

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><p>I hoped you enjoyed this long awaited chapter, and i thank all those who reviewed. and to answer my guest reviewers question, when I wrote the title I realized that some might relate it to national treasure but I did not do it on purpose :). please dont forget to review and thanks again lovely's :)

17. what a Tail

So I broke my promise and i'm sorry. Feel free to hit me, but I plan to have a chapter up at least once or twice a month, so without further ado here is the next chapter of The Secret Lies With Charlotte, please remember to read & review.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

Water dripped down my back and over my face, from my soaking hair. As I stared shocked down at the sand that clung to my damp pants, and t shirt.

I could hear my name being called in the distance but my head was still reeling what had just happened. I'm dreaming right?. This has to be a dream. Only it's not and I know it's not.

Why am I so shocked I mean I know this can happen, hell I'm living proof that it happens but I thought it was only a girl thing.

I wrap an arm unconsciously around my stomach, and that gives me little comfort to get over my shock. I quickly glance up at Cole before snapping my head back down, to stare back at my knees that are curled up to my chest. Cole still calling my name in worry.

Okay Charlotte pull yourself together, you can handle this. What am I saying of course I can handle this, get over the shock. At least now I know how Cleo felt when I did this to her.

Slowly I bring my head up to meet Cole's gaze, his eyes locked on mine as I finally speak since the half and hour since I made the discovery.

"Your a mermaid!"

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><p>Charlotte's POV - four hours earlier<p>

"Where are we going" I laughed, as I was dragged by a very energetic Cole down the jetty.

"You will have to wait and see" he cheekily grinned. As I was lead further down the jetty.

"But I hate surprises" I whined.

I've already had enough surprises to last a life time, I thought as I looked down at my small bump.

Mum was right jellyfish was making him self known. But so far it just looked to others as though I had gained a bit of weight. I knew though that I couldn't hide jellyfish forever. And that is why I had decided to tell Cole today. Maybe, possibly not.

No I definitely am. Preferably after this so called surprise of his.

"Quite your whining lottie. And take my hand, and close your eyes." He beamed at me.

"Fine" I moaned. Before I gave him my hand, and reluctantly closed my eyes. "But I still don't like surprises"

After about five minutes we finally stop, and I feel a hand cover my eyes before I open them, smiling at Cole's antics I lean into his

touch.

"Are we at my surprise yet" I ask. Cole laughs near my ear and it sends shivers down my spine, curse you pregnancy hormones for making me randy, and not being able to do anything about it.

Since the hallway incident as my make out session with Cole had now been named. I was going to go for 'front door incident' but it didn't really have the same ring to it as hallway.

Any way since then I had made it my mission not to have a repeat performance, until Cole knew about jellyfish. But I have been putting it off, not because I'm ashamed of jellyfish. But because I don't want to lose Cole.

I then feel Cole take his hands off of my face, and I open my eyes only to see a boat. Needless to say I wasn't that excited.

"Wow. A boat" I exclaim, with false enthusiasm. "Why are we in front of a boat"

At my less than enthusiastic response, Cole laughed at me. Before taking my hand and leading me onto the boat.

"It's not the boat that's your surprise, it's where I'm taking you on the boat" he grins at me.

"Oh. And where exactly are you taking me may I ask" I laugh.

Cole begins to get the boat ready to for us to leave, and smirks at me and says "you'll see". Before starting up the boat and heading out to sea.

The boats fast but not fast enough, and I soon get board, not to mention that I have never been seasick before. But waves do not help when you've only just got over morning sickness.

I look to the horizon as I've been told to do when one is sea sick, and notice an island in our path. But not just any island, Mako island.

"Cole. This surprise wouldn't happen to be on Mako island. Would it?"

"Ten points to Griffyindor" he chuckles. And I can't help but go weak in the knees when he says that in a British accent. "I've heard a lot about this island and I thought it might be a great place for us to have our first date"

"And what have you heard about this island" I ask a little to quickly.

This makes him laugh. "Did your mind skip over the part where I mentioned that this is our first date"

"No it didn't. But seeing as we had a very heated make out session about a week ago, date seems only natural. Now what have you heard about Mako. There's really nothing here but sharks and mangroves"

Real smooth Charlotte real smooth.

Cole turns his attention back to steering the boat, before answering my question.

"Not much just that tropical storms popping up out of nowhere, and sightings of mermaids" he smirks.

My eyes grow wide at the last comment.

"Mermaids" I scoff. "You don't actually believe that do you"

Hopefully my disbelief will throw him off the track. Who knows what will happen if he decides to take a wander around island.

"Why not. We can't be the only things on earth, besides life would be pretty dull if no one believed in magic" he replied

"Just because you believe in something doesn't make it real"

Not that I'm not a believer obviously I know that mermaids are real. I've been one. Hell I might even be carrying one if the powers are anything to go by.

"Just because something might not be real doesn't mean I can't still believe in it" he retorted with a smirk.

Well he does have a point. But then again I already knew that.

"Who knew you were such a philosopher" I quipped.

We laughed and descended into comfortable silence, which was new for Cole because he always had something to say.

Eventually we made it to Mako, and I noticed that Cole took extra care not to get himself wet, whilst he brought the boat onto shore.

He then took my hand and we strolled down the beach. After a while we stopped and Cole told me to close my eyes again which I reluctantly did.

I soon felt Cole behind me, telling me to keep my eyes closed as he pushed me towards where ever it was he was taking me.

"Okay open" he whispered in my ears

I open my eyes and feel like I have flashed back in time. A picnic lays in front of me with all my favourite foods on top of the tartan blanket.

This is exactly what Lewis did for me.

Cole takes my hand in his and leads me towards the blanket. I sit down and don't speak until Cole does.

"So do you like your surprise"

"Huh. Oh. Yes, I do. I can't believe you went to all this trouble for

me" I exclaimed.

"Well I thought that you deserved a proper date, not that I didn't enjoy our little snog at your front door. I just thought this might be better" he smiled.

Then before I knew what I was doing I flew into his arms and hugging him. Well at least it was safer then molesting him.

"Thank you. It's, its. Wonderful. And I'm starving so let's dig in. What did you bring"

Cole then when into, waiter mode acting as if I were a queen and he was my butler. Placing curried egg sandwiches no front of me along with a bowl of burger rings not exactly what you would call fancy or a picnic food but they were my favorites, drinks were a bottle of coke and for desert hedgehog slices.

Jellyfish and I were in heaven.

Until we had finished all the food and Cole got a brilliant idea.

"Come on lottie lets go on adventure" Cole grinned at me, as he packed up the picnic and placed it in the boat.

"And just where exactly will this adventure take place" I teased. Though I could help but be worried about what he would say next.

"In there of course" Cole replied, as he turned me to face, the mako jungle.

Well that's just great isn't it if he finds the moon pool?. I can not let that happen. I'm already in enough shit with the mermaids as it is, just imagine what would happen if I let Cole find there special place, I would never hear the end of it.

"In there" I asked hesitantly. "But there are snakes and bugs and huge spiders in there" I moaned.

"Oh come on lottie" Cole retorted as he began to walk backwards into the jungle. "I don't take you for the kind of girl to be afraid of bugs, and snakes, and spiders."

I rolled my eyes at him. Why did he have to see through me.

"You not just going to leave your me on the beach on our first date, while you traps around in the jungle" I called out to him as her grew nearer to the tree line.

"I'm not leaving you. Because I know that about five seconds after I go into those trees you will follow me" he laughed before he disappeared from view.

"Dame it Cole" I cried before chasing after him.

When I finally made it into the jungle, I found Cole leaning against a tree with a smug smirk on his face.

"Told you it would be five seconds"

"Hilarious. Now did you want to go exploring through this god forsaken jungle or not" I scowled.

He shot me a heart warming grin before taking my hand and leading me through the jungle. We wondered for hours, talking about everything yet nothing at all. And in that time I forgot about everything, though I couldn't forget about jellyfish, what with the urgent need to pee every 5 minutes.

I forgot about everything including the fact that I had been trying to lead Cole away from the above ground entrance. That was until I looked around me, for a place to relieve myself with out Cole watching, and found that Cole was almost about to fall into the entrance.

I stepped back in shock and fear that he would find the moon pool. And before I knew what was happening I had lost my footing.

"Ahhhh" I managed to scream. And heard Cole shouted my name before falling in the river below.

As I landed in the water I wrapped my arms protectively around my stomach. Finding that more important in my shock then returning to the surface for air.

About ten seconds later I felt arms wrap around me pulling me towards the surface.

When I reached the surface and gasped for air I went into a fit of coughing, Cole's arms still wrapped around me. After that had ended I finally faced Cole, closing my eyes and wrapping my arms around him in a grateful hug.

Though I didn't need saving the fact that he cared enough to dive in after me, just proved what an amazing guy he was. And what dreadful person I was, hiding this massive secret from him, I didn't deserve him and he did deserve some one who hid things as massive as carrying another man child. Then I opened my eyes. It seems I wasn't the only one with secrets.

I froze, tensing my hold on him. There floating behind Cole was a massive blue tail. Cole was a merman.

Then I'm pretty sure I fainted.

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><p>Charlotte's POV<p>

And that brings us back to the present.

"Your a mermaid!"

He gives me a tentative smile before sitting down on the rocks in front of me, and saying. "Well technically I'm a merman"

I let out an weary chuckle.

"Sorry my mistake merman." I let out another nervous laugh. "And um.

How exactly did this happen"

Cole ran a hand through his wind swept hair. Due to the fact that he had dried of was no longer wet due to the change. "Well I was kinda born like this"

I'm pretty sure at this point my eye bulged out of my head, not a very attractive look I must say. But what are the odds that my boyfriend is a merman. But not just that he was born one. My hand unconsciously went to my stomach.

"What!" I muttered. "How. Is that even possible"

I couldn't let on that I knew this was possible, I mean I had living prove growing inside me. Not that he knew that of course, but I was still curious as to what his story was.

"Well you see. When my grandmother Julia was our age, her and her friends came across a moon pool, on this island in fact. That's one of the reasons that I wanted to come here, that and the fact that I thought you would like it here"

I had to blush at his last comment.

"Anyway that night it was a full moon and when they went into the moon pool, something magical happened. The next day they were mermaids, as time went on the other two of her friends gave up there powers which left my grandmother as the only mermaid, then she met my grandfather Travis and they had my dad, who like me was born a merman, they didn't know if I would be born with powers because my mother is human. But when she gained powers while she was pregnant with me, they knew that I would be like my dad and grandmother."

Oh my god. That sounds just like the story that max told me. Could that mean that my grandmother and his grandmother were the original mermaids.

"Wow. So just out of curiosity what where the names of you grandmas friends" I asked.

Cole laughed at this. "So the fact that my family are mermaids and have magical powers. Doesn't shock you, all you want to know is the names of my grandmas friends.

I blushed again. "Yeah"

"There names were Louise and Gracie. Why do you ask?"

"No reason, just wanted to know"

What are the odds that Cole and I would meet. I mean both of our grandmothers were friends and mermaids. If I didn't believe in fate I do now.

"So. Are you okay with this. With me being a merman" Cole ask nervously.

I'd be a hypocrite if I wasn't.

"My boyfriends a merman. How can I not be okay about that" I

grinned.

Cole went to kiss me before realizing that I was still wet, and he pulled back.

"And I hope you know that, you can't tell anyone about this"

"Are you crazy I of course I wouldn't. You could end up a science experiment if I did that." I exclaimed.

"Oh good" he sighed relief. As he got up of the ground, and I stood up with him.

"So do I get to see these so called powers of yours" I smirked.

He smiled at me. Then the next thing I knew I was dry and looking at a smirking Cole.

Through the shock of it all i forgot to tell Cole my secret, one which wouldn't stay that way for long.

"I think that's a definite possibility" he grinned, before taking my hand and making our way back to the beach.

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><p>I hope you enjoyed the chapter, that took me way to long to write. Thanks to those who reviewed, and please don't forget to review again. Thanks again lovely's :)

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